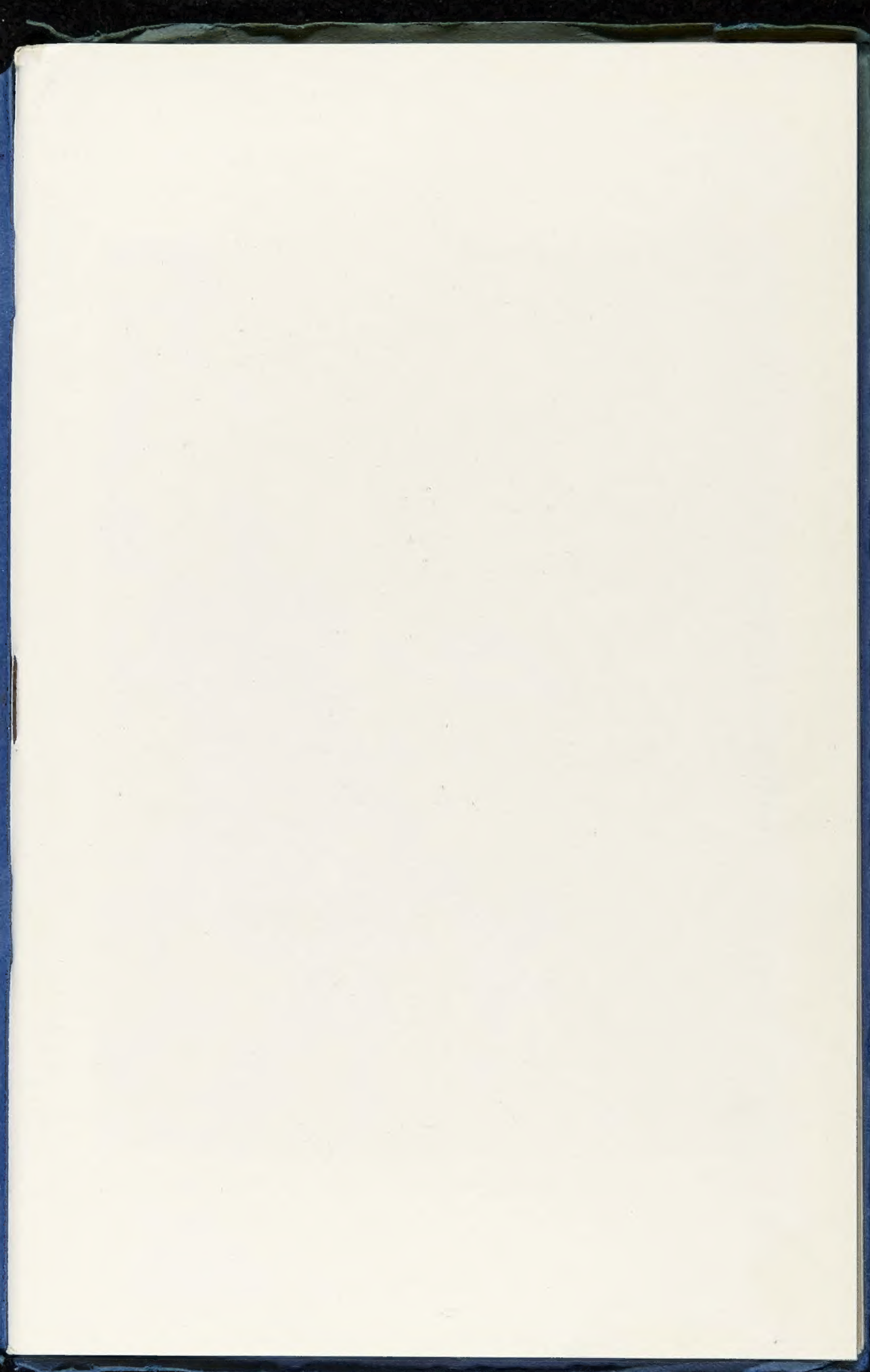


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Standing Left to Right: SMITH, J. U. M.; SHELLS, P. C.; SIMONS, J. P.; CULLINGFORD, D.
Sitting Left to Right: MORRISON, G. B. (School Captain); THE HEADMASTER; LUMSDEN, M. S.



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IN MEMORIAM

On Wednesday, 6th February, His Majesty, King George VI, of blessed memory, died in his sleep.

The news of His Majesty's death was announced to the School at a special assembly after the morning session. A memorial service was held in which the Headmaster gave a short address, some prayers were said, silence kept; and we ended by singing "God Save the Queen." Few of us had previously heard these tidings, and it is difficult to describe our emotions. It is enough to say that a good man had died and we realized it. We remembered his late Majesty during the years of the war, and we remembered too his Christmas broadcasts and the grievous illness from which he was thought to be recovering. He was a man respected for his virtues and loved for the humility which always seemed to be the key-note of his life. He had been a splendid example of the meaning of our motto 'Serve and Obey,' for he had surely served his people and obeyed the call of duty throughout the years of his reign.

BRIAN FREDERICK GEORGE PALMER

At the first Assembly of the Summer Term the School learnt with the deepest regret that Brian Palmer of VIa Science had died whilst swimming in the river Thames at Runnymede on Friday, 18th April.

Palmer had only recently been promoted Acting Petty Officer in charge of Signals' equipment in the Naval section of the C.C.F., where he had proved himself an efficient and conscientious instructor. He was also a member of the School Rowing Club, a keen swimmer and cyclist and a most promising member of the VIa Science form, with high hopes of proceeding to a University career in the coming year.

He was a quiet, modest fellow but very capable and always cheerful and pleasant in manner. He is sadly missed by all who knew him, and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his parents in their grievous loss.

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

On Friday 15th February the School closed so that most of us might attend the funeral of his late Majesty, George VI. Facilities for a close view of the funeral procession were kindly placed at our disposal by the parents of A. G. Stark.

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During the Spring term Mr. A. P. Rouse of King's College, University of London, was appointed to succeed Mr. H. L. Allsopp, M.A., as assistant Physics Master. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Rouse and hope he will enjoy his stay with us.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barling on the arrival of their second daughter and third child, Judith Mary, born January 22nd; also to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hickman on the arrival of a daughter, their first child, Jennifer Elizabeth, born April 19th.

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Congratulations to Mr. T. Savory on his recently published book "Browsing Among Words of Science" issued by Watts & Co., the well-known scientific publishers, in their Thrift Series.

Mr. Savory, who is a well-known arachnologist, hopes shortly to publish yet another book on the spider called "The Spider's Web." It will be published by F. Warne & Co.

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Congratulations to the following Scholarship winners:

J. U. M. Smith, an open Exhibition in Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge; F. H. Read, a Royal Scholarship at the Imperial College of Science, London and R. A. Green, a £100 open Scholarship in Mathematics at the Queen's College, Oxford.

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Congratulations to M. A. Ginn and R. N. Milligan on their being selected to spend a year in the U.S.A. under the auspices of the English Speaking Union; they have further been awarded Trotman Exhibitions, value £75, by the Haberdashers' Company, to assist them in their studies in an American College.

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Congratulations also to M. Freeman and G. Rogers who have been selected to go with the British Schools Exploring Society's party to Iceland during the Summer holidays. They, too, have been awarded Exhibitions by the Haberdashers' Company.

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Congratulations to M. Lipton and M. A. Phillips on being selected by the B.B.C., after a competitive audition, to speak in a special broadcast to America on current affairs called *Junior Town Meeting*, a two-way programme arranged between the B.B.C.,

London, and Station W.T.C.N., Minneapolis, Minnesota, to discuss the question, "admitted that every nation has its faults—which need to be corrected—what major improvements should be made by the U.S.A. and Britain to improve their position in the eyes of the World?"

The broadcast was attended by the Headmaster, accompanied by A. G. E. Burgess and J. U. M. Smith who also joined in the discussion which formed part of the programme.

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M. S. Lumsden was appointed Captain of Cricket for 1952, and P. Maddison, Vice-Captain.

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F. Benghiat completed a hat-trick in Captaincies on his appointment as Captain of Tennis for 1952. He had already been appointed Captain of Athletics and of Basket Ball.

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Rugby Colours were reawarded to M. S. Lumsden and to H. E. Couch, J. N. Honey and D. N. Spatcher.

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The House Rugby Cup was won by Joblings, who also triumphed in the House Rugby Sevens.

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The Senior Boxing was won by Calverts who also gained the Swimming Shield for 1952.

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There were over 800 entries for the School Entrance Examinations this year. About 120 of these were successful and will enter the School in September.

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The School Operatic Society presented highly successful performances of *Pirates of Penzance* by Gilbert and Sullivan on March 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. The choice of next year's opera is still a stage secret.

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The School Dramatic Society has already begun preparations for the presentation of Shakespeare's *King Lear* next Autumn.

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During the Spring term a party of boys from 5th and 4th forms attended a display of Spanish folk music and dancing given by the group *Coros y Danzas de Espana* at the Stoll Theatre.

Another party of 4th Transitus and 5th saw the Spanish film of *Don Quixote* at the Rialto Cinema.

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The Athletic Sports for the Upper School were held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, 3rd May.

The Lower School Sports will take place at Chase Lodge on Saturday, 26th July, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

The Annual Swimming Gala has been held earlier than usual. It took place in the Marshall Street Baths, W.1., on Friday, 30th May. Mr. Dudderidge and Mr. Thomas are to be congratulated on completing the work of the preliminary heats in so short a time.

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The School Choir, under Dr. E. McLellan, was called upon to lead a special memorial service, organised by the Haberdashers' Company in memory of Mr. James Gibson Harris, a Past Master of the Company, at the Church of St. James, Garlickhithe, in the City of London, on Wednesday, 21st May.

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The annual visit of the Choir to Eton College Chapel, to take part in the special Public Schools' Festival Service arranged by the Royal School of Church Music, took place on Thursday, 19th June. More than 70 boys and several Masters represented the School.

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Mr. B. S. Townroe, D. L., Secretary-General of the Franco-British Society, visited the School on 10th June to speak to members of the fifth and sixth forms on *Political and Economic Developments in France*. The lecture was also attended by representatives of North London Collegiate School and Copthall County School for Girls. The Headmaster kindly presided.

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It is hoped that a small party of sixth formers will be able to attend the special meeting of the Franco-British Society to be held in the Royal Institution on 16th July; Mr. Anthony Eden and the French Ambassador will speak.

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Commendation Day this year will be honoured by the presence of the Master of the Haberdashers' Company who will present the prizes. There will be the usual display of School work and activities for the benefit of parents and friends.

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A Social for sixth formers of the Haberdashers' Schools in London was held at the Hatcham Girls' School on Friday, 2nd May. Plans are now being made for a similar social to be held at the Acton Girls' School in July.

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The Haberdashers' Monmouth School First XV visited Chase Lodge for the first time on Saturday, 8th March, and defeated the School First XV by 6 points to 3. The Monmouth Boxing Team was, however, defeated by 7 fights to 3 on the previous evening at Westbere Road.

On 28th July, the School Cricket First XI and Rowing IVs will visit Monmouth for the first time to further the development of closer relationship between the two schools. It is hoped that there will in future be an annual interchange of visits.

Events for the Autumn Term will include the Annual School Confirmation Service conducted by the Bishop of Willesden at the Church of St. Francis, Gladstone Park, on Thursday, 14th October at 8.0 p.m. and the Annual School Carol Service, which will be held in the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Thursday afternoon, 18th December.

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Summer Term ends on Friday, 25th July. The Autumn Term will open on Thursday, 18th September and close on Friday, 19th December while half-term holiday has been fixed for Monday, 3rd November.

LOWER SCHOOL NOTES

The Lower School began the Autumn Term with over a hundred new boys to replace those who had been promoted to the Upper School. Of this hundred, all have settled down happily, and many show excellent promise for the future, as regards both their own progress, and the service they will be able to render to the School as time goes on. Of the older members, M. S. White, who has already demonstrated his ability in school work, and in rugby, cricket and boxing, was appointed Lower School Captain: he has been most responsible in that office.

Although in such records as these out of school activities tend to be reported more fully, the primary importance of school work must be recognised. Much very good work is being done, especially in the 'S' forms; and the minority whose work is not up to standard are reminded of the urgent necessity to redouble their efforts. Promotion to the Upper School is not automatic, but conditional upon a boy's reaching a satisfactory standard. In considering promotions at the end of the School year the whole of each age-group of three forms (approximately ninety boys) is treated as one block, so that it is always possible for a boy in a 'b' form one year to reach the 'a', or even the 's' form the next—and, of course, vice versa.

As is customary, the boxing classes received a large number of recruits; and the Lower School boxing team rewarded Mr. Hewson's efficient and conscientious training by winning all their matches. The boxing shield was won jointly by Joblings and Meadows.

The Chess Club has met frequently and with enthusiasm, under the special direction of Mr. Bothwell. Its captain, G. C. V. Eldridge, a player of considerable ability, has had the honour of representing the school in several matches. The Chess Trophy was won by Calverts.

Lunch-hour tennis has been very popular, and a number of boys in the thirds and seconds have benefitted from the instruction Mr. Campbell has arranged. Other Societies, whose reports

appear elsewhere, are the Debating, under the care of Mr. Craig (Chairman B. L. Worth, Secretary J. P. Lansdale), and the Natural History (Chairman C. Ridge, Secretary M. G. Rothwell).

The Lower School naturally provides a large contingent of the Choir, and thereby contributed much of the success of the Carol Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and of the *Pirates of Penzance*. Our reader, J. D. Scofield, deserves commendation for his excellent reading of the first of the nine lessons at the service; and so does D. P. Gilby for an admirable performance as Mabel on two of the four nights of the opera.

In School Charity, thanks to the efforts of collectors and contributors, we have raised over £50 in the two terms, 2s leading in the Autumn with £7-10-0 and 1s in the Spring with over £5. The collectors took their part in the meeting before Christmas at which the allocation of the year's contributions was made.

The Lower School work and conduct shield was won in the Autumn term by Strouts (runners-up Meadows), and in the Spring by Russells (runners-up Strouts).

J.F.C.

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

This year has passed pleasantly and successfully and there has been an unfailing attendance each week. An inter-House match was arranged last term, and won by Calverts, whose team consisted of Tarlow, Goodman, Pardey and Goldstone. Russells were runners-up. The house trophy is a chromium knight mounted on a black base.

Unfortunately only Christ's College, Finchley accepted our challenge to a school match, which ended in a draw, not a very creditable result since our opponents were, on the whole, younger than us. The team consisted of Eldridge, P. D. Lewis, Worth, Fuller, Tarlow and Goodman. It is hoped that we shall be able to play more matches in the future.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. Bothwell for the work which he does on behalf of the Club, and for his encouragement and support.

G. C. ELDRIDGE.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society had another successful year, a wide variety of subjects being discussed, including politics, education and various entertainments. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Craig for his excellent guidance during the past two terms. It is hoped that all enjoyed and benefited from the Society's meetings, although we would like to have seen more members offering to speak in debates and discussions.

B. L. WORTH, *Chairman*.

J. P. LANSDELL, *Hon. Sec.*

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT NOTES

By the time these notes appear in print, the Preparatory School will be in its new premises in Flower Lane, Mill Hill, thus ending a period of five years at Chase Lodge. We should like to thank the many people who actively or passively contributed to our life there.

The last two terms have been coloured by the ever more imminent prospect of moving, but our normal activities do not seem to have been hampered. We welcomed Mr. G. A. K. Peebles to the staff in September, to be in charge of physical training; each form has been able to make regular use of the fine gymnasium at Flower Lane throughout the winter. There have been form outings to South Kensington, the Express Dairy at Cricklewood, and Hampton Court. The Christmas party went off very well; in addition to thirty or so ex-prep boys now in the Lower School, we were very pleased to see the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Cooper. At the end of the Christmas term, for the first time, a service of nine lessons and carols for the Preparatory School was held at St. Michael's Church, Mill Hill, attended by nearly two hundred parents and friends. It is hoped to hold such a festival each year. We are most grateful to the Rev. N. W. Hester for allowing us to hold the service in the church, and for participating in it himself.

More recent events include the entrance examination for prospective new boys, and a Parents' Meeting, both of which were held at Westbere Road, in February and March respectively. At the end of last term, there was an enjoyable performance of form plays, and on the last day a short Easter carol service was held. Nearly £30 has so far been collected for charity, almost as much as the whole of last year's total. We are very much hoping to reach our ambitious target of £50 for the year.

Following on our outstanding cricket season, we have done very well at football. Out of the ten matches played, eight were won and two lost (both against older sides). The results were as follows:—

<i>October 12th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Westcroft School	Home	9—0
<i>October 19th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Lochinver House	Away	3—5
<i>October 31st.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Belmont School	Away	5—2
<i>November 9th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Beaufort Lodge	Home	2—0
<i>November 16th</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Lochinver House	Home	7—0
<i>November 23rd.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Belmont School	Home	6—0
<i>December 7th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Hendon Preparatory School	Home	8—0
<i>February 20th</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Belmont School	Away	6—1
<i>March 10th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Lower School Ex-Prep.	Home	2—4
<i>March 14th.</i>	First XI	<i>v.</i>	Belmont School	Home	4—0
	Second XI	<i>v.</i>	Westcroft School	Away	6—3

Away matches against Beaufort Lodge and Hendon Preparatory School had to be scratched. The full record of the First XI was thus:—

Played 10. Won 8. Lost 2. Goals, for 52, against 12. Football colours were re-awarded to J. D. Harris and awarded to P. W. Bollinghans, B. R. Underwood, M. G. Vaughan, B. E. Cramb, J. Coombes and P. J. Brasier. The House Football Cup was won by St. George's with the holders, St. Patrick's, runners-up.

During last term, Houghton left to go to a boarding school, and Srba and Wilson left at the end of term to live in America and Canada respectively. We wish them all good fortune.

R.A.L.

RUGBY FOOTBALL 1951-52

This has been a season upon which one looks back with a slight sense of frustration but by no means of shame. The well-contested matches against Bedford Modern and Emanuel Schools and the R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton, not to mention the stern annual test against the Old Haberdashers' "A" XV, showed how well the First XV could play, even though only the first of these games was a victory for the School. It might even be said that the heavy defeat at Eltham was a tribute to a very fine performance by the excellent College side rather than a debacle for the School. It is only too sadly true that more than one match was lost through the old fault of diffident lethargic play which has been the bane of First XV football for so long, yet morale remained high throughout the season. Wednesday practice matches were played with especial zest and vigour, and it is they which doubtless developed the team combination which gave the Second XV such a profitable season. More than once the First XV had to struggle hard to avoid defeat at their hands, and the Newton brothers deserve the warmest congratulations for their contribution to the Second XV's success. Both as scrum-half and as captain D. J. Fulluck had a good season with the Third XV though the team's record is scarcely flattering. Under M. L. Cleveland the Colts XV did particularly well and some of its bigger and more vigorous members should qualify for a place in the Second, or even First XV next season.

Enthusiasm throughout the Rugby Club has been as great as ever, and due praise for this must be given to M. S. Lumsden and his fervent lieutenant G. B. Morrison. On the field both have acquitted themselves with great credit and are to be congratulated with J. N. Honey for their trial for the Middlesex Public Schools' team. As an administrator Lumsden has been most conscientious and dependable, and his sole regret can be that he did not lead his side to victory more often.

Weather and ground conditions caused repeated postponement of House fixtures and this may explain the diminished zeal with which the House competitions—the Seven-a-side tournament excepted—were played. Fortunately, even though the ground was

thoroughly sodden, it was possible to play the new fixture with Monmouth School on the occasion of the visit of their Boxing and Rugby teams in March. In a hard encounter, most exciting to watch, the better side won by a slight margin and we offer them our congratulations.

As weather conditions allowed we were able to play all matches on excellent pitches prepared for us by Mr. Galley. Arrangements for fixtures and transport have been as always in the capable hands of Mr. Crossman. For his guidance and help, and for the technical and other assistance of fellow members of the Staff—especially Mr. Carrington—we are all truly grateful. We now turn our gaze, at the end of one season, towards the next, and look forward keenly to a resumption of play after the summer's cricket.

W.F.B.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

As far as the First XV is concerned the much used phrase "a good team did not do themselves justice" must be employed yet again.

Potentially strong in all departments they seldom showed their true form until well into the second half, which was in many cases too late. Only in matches such as those against the Old Boys and Bedford Modern School, when they knew every effort would be required, did they work from first to last.

The First XV were unfortunate to lose P. C. Shiells before the playing season had started, and they certainly realised this upon his return. Mention must be made of D. N. Spatcher who, starting from scratch, developed into a sound and often brilliant full-back. G. B. Morrison had an able helper at wing forward in H. E. Couch, who together with J. N. Honey and Spatcher thoroughly deserved their half-term colours.

G. D. M. Parker had a less successful season than the previous year but even so the pack were seldom outplayed, and it was usually the three-quarters who made mistakes. The season, despite these criticisms, has been an enjoyable one, well begun, and well finished, although it gave cause for anxiety!

The Second XV on the other hand must be heartily congratulated on a truly excellent season, conceding only one defeat, and that to the Old Boys. A great deal of their success was due to the fine example set by A. M. Newton, who besides attaining success as a player has captained the side very ably. The Third XV has had its good and bad days as will be seen from the match record, and the Colts have shown great promise providing some excellent individual players who will form a fine nucleus for future years.

On the whole, therefore, it may truthfully be said that this has been an enjoyable season for all four teams. Our thanks are due to those who have made such a season possible, in particular Mr.

Barling whose task this season has been doubly exacting owing to the shortage of staff available to assist with the coaching of the teams. I should also like to thank G. B. Morrison for his advice and enthusiasm throughout the season, and his now perfected ability to keep on-side!

M. S. LUMSDEN.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

LUMSDEN, M. S. (*Captain*).—11 st. 11 lbs. A thrustful stand-off half, of great promise, possessing a powerful and accurate kick. He could improve his low tackle and sense of position.

MORRISON, G. B. (*Vice-captain*).—10 st. 3 lbs. An energetic and competent wing-forward, tireless both in attack and defence, and a valuable points scorer and pack-leader.

ALLWRIGHT, K. S. H.—10 st. 3 lbs. A speedy three-quarter of good promise. His handling is occasionally erratic, but he tackles well.

AVERY, K. G.—10 st. 9 lbs. Potentially a most valuable wing three-quarter, but at present lacking in resourcefulness and maturity.

BORIN, A. J.—11 st. 2 lbs. A hard-running centre, capable of sound tackling, but somewhat unco-operative in passing movements.

COUCH, H. E.—10 st. 11 lbs. A quick-breaking back-row forward who works tirelessly and tackles well.

CULLINGFORD, D.—10 st. 6 lbs. A useful wing-three-quarter with a good turn of speed but lacking in confidence and a sense of position.

FREEMAN, M. M. R.—12 st. 7 lbs. A solid second-row forward, useful in the line-out but lacking in fire.

HONEY, J. N.—11 st. 10 lbs. A hard-working and resourceful forward who has made good use of his height and weight and served the side well.

KIMBER, M. P.—13 st. 0 lb. A keen, vigorous forward, often participating usefully in passing movements.

NEWTON, M. O.—10 st. 12 lbs. A conscientious and reliable forward, somewhat lacking in resourcefulness, but sound in defence.

PARKER, G. D. M.—10 st. 11 lbs. A valuable hooker who has not done himself justice this season, except in the loose.

POLLOCK, J. N.—10 st. 8 lbs. By experience and preference a centre three-quarter, he has done valiant work as scrum-half.

SHIELLS, P. C.—10 st. 10 lbs. A versatile player, fast off the mark, and now developing into a promising back-row forward.

SPATCHER, D. N.—9 st. 4 lbs. A cool and courageous full-back, sound in defence and, where possible, resourceful in attack.

The occasional services in the First XV of C. P. ELLIOTT and K. E. HARBOROW, and also of S. FREILICH and J. T. FARRAND, have been of great value.

MATCH ACCOUNTS

Saturday, 29th September, v. Royal Masonic School. (Home).

Result: Won—School (2 goals, 1 penalty goal, 1 dropped goal, 1 try) 19 pts.—(2 penalty goals, 1 try) 9 pts.

School began shakily and conceded two penalty goals very quickly, then to a try scored by M. Duke, which M. S. Lumsden converted, the visitors replied with another of their own. For the rest of the first half School settled down to steadier play, and after the interval began to dominate the game. Lumsden gave School the lead by kicking first a penalty goal and then a drop goal, and, soon after, tries by S. Freilich and Duke (Lumsden converting the latter's) put the issue beyond doubt.

Team: D. N. Spatcher, K. Avery, M. Duke, D. Cullingford, S. Freilich, M. S. Lumsden, J. N. Pollock, M. O. Newton, G. D. M. Parker, J. N. Honey, M. P. Kimber, M. M. R. Freeman, K. E. Harborow, H. E. Couch, G. B. Morrison.

Saturday, 6th October, v. Bedford Modern School. (Home).

Result: Won—School (3 tries) 9 pts.—(1 try) 3 pts.

As in previous years the game was well contested. An unconverted try by G. B. Morrison was the only score in the first half and an index to the slight superiority of the School pack. After much strenuous effort by both forwards and backs, further tries were scored near the touch-lines by K. G. Avery and J. N. Pollock, late in the second half. Bedford rallied and scored a try, despite the sound tackling of the School three-quarters, but were under constant pressure for the remainder of the game.

Team: Unchanged.

Wednesday, 10th October, v. City of London School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.—(2 goals, 1 try) 13 pts.

A number of unavoidable team-changes, necessitated by injury and absence, unsettled the side, but the School was clearly outmatched both at forward and back. Sound combined play by the visitors exposed the defensive weaknesses of the School, and put D. N. Spatcher's cool efficiency at full-back sorely to the test. G. D. M. Parker stood out among the forwards by his hooking, but little came of the opportunities offered to the backs. To the two goals and try scored against them, School were able to reply with only a penalty goal by M. S. Lumsden in the second half.

Team: J. T. Farrand for M. P. Kimber; W. D. Oeters for S. Freilich; C. P. Elliott for M. M. R. Freeman.

Saturday, 13th October, v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. (Away).

Result: Lost—School (1 goal) 5 pts.—(1 goal, try) 8 pts.

Poor finishing by both forwards and backs cost the School the game. A shaky defence allowed the Queen Elizabeth's scrum half an easy try under the posts, which was converted. Rallying strongly the forwards reached their opponents' line and equalised, M. S. Lumsden converting a try by G. B. Morrison. A further lapse allowed the home side to take the lead with another try. Despite the strenuous efforts made in the second half, and a considerable improvement in the standard of play, School were unable to redeem the situation.

Team: S. Freilich for W. D. M. Oeters, C. P. Elliott and J. T. Farrand deputising for G. D. Parker (ill) and M. P. Kimber (injured).

Saturday, 20th October, v. St. Dunstan's College. (Away).

Result: Lost—School 0 pts.—(2 tries) 6 pts.

The School played disappointingly as a team, leaving A. J. Borin, H. E. Couch and D. N. Spatcher too much to do on their own. The home side was allowed a quick score, and secured a further try before the interval despite a stubborn defence by the School backs. In the second half the School side rallied and improved considerably, but though preventing any further St. Dunstan's score proved unable to penetrate beyond the opponents' line.

Team: G. D. M. Parker (returned); G. B. Morrison (absent); A. J. Borin for S. Freilich.

Saturday, 27th October, v. Bancroft's School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School 0 pts.—(1 goal) 5 pts.

The standard of School play was mediocre and devoid of fire, except in the later stages of the game when Bancroft's School made strenuous efforts to add to their first-half score of one goal. The game was lost to a better side, but could with greater effort have been won instead.

Team: M. P. Kimber for J. T. Farrand, G. B. Morrison for C. P. Elliott.

Wednesday, 3rd October, v. R.A.F. Halton. (Away).

Result: Lost—(2 penalty goals, 1 goal) 11 pts.—(2 goals, 1 try) 13 pts.

The forwards outplayed their heavier opponents. Had the three-quarters not failed them a narrow defeat would have been avoided. To a try by Halton the School rallied with a penalty-goal kicked by M. S. Lumsden, but with two further goals Halton increased their lead convincingly. A further penalty-goal kicked by G. D. M. Parker partially restored the situation, and then a goal due to enterprising play by J. N. Pollock added great excitement to the last few minutes' play. The School was unfortunate not to win.

Team: Unchanged.

Saturday, 10th November, v. Harrow County School. (Home).

Result: Won—School (1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.—(2 tries) 6 pts.

Bad mishandling by the School backs gave Harrow a quick lead of two tries, and once again a sluggish start seemed to spell certain defeat. The School made amends by bestirring itself, and a combined movement enabled G. B. Morrison to score a try which G. D. M. Parker managed to convert. A blind side-movement by A. J. Borin put the School in the lead, which it maintained until the end, though not without effort.

Team: Unchanged.

Wednesday, 21st November, v. St. George's School. (Home).

Result: Won—School (4 tries) 12 pts.—(1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.

Despite heavy conditions the School handling could not have been better. Clever backing up by A. J. Borin put the School quickly into the lead, but on repeated occasions later he frustrated good combined movements by refusing to pass. From one such movement a try resulted by G. B. Morrison. St. George's countered by a try of their own, but M. S. Lumsden sent K. G. Avery off for another try in the corner. A wild kick by Avery later presented the visitors with an easy converted try. In the closing minutes D. N. Spatcher, following up a kick of his own from far in the rear, cleverly gathered the ball and scored a further try.

Team: C. P. Elliott for K. E. Harborow.

Saturday, 24th November, v. Emanuel School. (Away).

Result: Lost—(2 penalty goals) 6 pts.—(1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.

This was a keenly contested match in which the School, though losers, did themselves full justice. Emanuel secured a try in the corner, and then, thanks to a lucky break through, a further try under the posts which was easily converted. Two good penalty goals by M. S. Lumsden helped to restore the position but, despite their many chances, the School just failed to snatch a victory.

Team: P. C. Shiells for M. O. Newton.

Saturday, 1st December, v. Old Haberdashers' "A" XV. (Home).

Result: Lost—School 0 pts.—(2 tries) 6 pts.

The School side gave an excellent account of itself against heavy opposition, spending most of the early stages in the O.H. half, and only just failing repeatedly to score. Both the pack and the backs marked down their opponents quickly, and the concession of only two tries against much heavier and more experienced side reflected great credit on the School.

Team: M. O. Newton for C. P. Elliott.

Saturday, 8th December, v. Eltham College. (Away).

Result: Lost—School 0 pts.—(3 goals, 5 tries) 30 pts.

G. D. M. Parker hooked skilfully in very difficult conditions, but disconcerted by the wind and rain not only the pack but the backs also allowed themselves

to be outplayed consistently by their opponents whose team-combination and impeccable handling were a joy to watch. G. B. Morrison and J. N. Honey worked hard but to little avail, and J. N. Pollock laboured with little success to give the backs the ball.

Team: C. P. Elliott for H. E. Couch (absent).

Saturday, 15th December, v. Berkhamsted School. (Home).

Result: Won—School (2 tries) 6 pts.—0 pts.

The School had recovered from the heavy defeat of the previous week, but especially in the early stages, play was disappointing and lethargic. Two unconverted tries were scored, the one by D. Cullingford, the other by K. S. H. Allwright, a third just failing to be scored after a fine run by K. G. Avery. The opponents did not look like winning, but the School, though the better side, did not do itself full justice.

Saturday, 8th March, v. Monmouth School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (1 try) 3 pts.—(1 penalty goal, 1 try) 6 pts.

In heavy conditions, and for the first half hour in rain, the School's first encounter with Monmouth School was an exciting spectacle and a good exhibition of Rugby Football. Every yard gained by either side had to be gallantly fought for, and a three points' lead by Monmouth from a penalty kick was in constant danger of being cancelled out. This lead, however, rose to six points just before half-time when a concerted Monmouth forward rush resulted in a try in the centre.

The second half was played in a sea of mud caused by the repeated churning up of the pitch and developed into a struggle for mastery between the two packs, though occasional movements by both three-quarter lines caused some excitement. It was in fact appropriate that it was a three-quarter, D. Cullingford who snatched a try for the School just before the final whistle.

SECOND XV

The only difficulty in writing a report of the Second XV this year is the avoidance of too frequent superlatives. The performance of practically all who played in the team has been constantly of the highest and the spirit of the whole team on and off the field has been excellent. It is certainly rare and refreshing to find a team which not only listens to advice but also acts on it. The results speak for themselves. The record in School games remained unbroken and the only defeat was at the hands of the Old Haberdashers' Extra "A" XV.

The team has been captained most sagaciously by A. M. Newton. On the field his dash, his eye for an opportunity and above all his lion-like courage have been literally an inspiration to all. Off the field he has been a model of conscientiousness.

The forwards, ably led and held together by the devotion to duty at all times of J. M. Newton, laid the foundation of the convincing victories in School games, and every one of them played magnificently.

D. J. Maconachie was well served at fly-half by A. M. Newton, but although he began the season well and finished well, he suffered a period during which he lacked enterprise and generally acted only as a post-office for the ball.

Of the three-quarters S. Freilich and D. M. Oeters were very good. I. S. R. White could be effective but was too frequently out



Standing Left to Right:

ALLWRIGHT, K. S. H.; BORIN, A. J.; SHELLS, P. C.; KIMBER, M. P.; FREEMAN, M. M. R.;
NEWTON, M. O.; CULLINGFORD, D.; AVERY, K. G.

Sitting Left to Right:

PARKER, G. D. M.; COUCH, H. E.; MORRISON, G. B.; LUMSDEN, M. S. (Capt.); HONEY,
J. M.; SPATCHER, D. N.; POLLOCK, J. N.

BOXING COLOURS, 1952



LIDYARD, S. R., GARDNER, F. L., BEAMAN, M., RICKMAN, P. J., HANSON, J. J.
 WARD, D. J., BAKER, M. J., ROWLINSON, R., DARKE, P. D., PURCHASE, H. G.
 HORNE, B. D., WHITE, M. S., PARKER, J. R., CORNFORD, R. L., GAUNT, B. M.
 NEWTON, J. M., NEWTON, A. M., CULLINGFORD, D., NASH, M. J., NEWTON, M. O.
 BOATMAN, B. R., CURTIS, A. E., STEWART, P.

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of position and spoiled many a certain scoring movement by a refusal to pass to his wing.

The position of full-back was occupied by at least three players. Generally, however, the duties were fulfilled by J. H. Bennet who was competent on most occasions but never really under pressure, for no school side crossed the line more than once against the team.

T.E.C.

THIRD XV

The Third XV had both an able and enterprising leader in D. J. Fulluck, and vigorous (if somewhat erratic) play by a keen and lively pack—particularly B. F. Hunter, R. M. Kipps and M. E. G. Jones—infused considerable life into their play. M. V. Walker was conspicuous for his safe handling at stand-off half, and D. L. Reader for his solid defence at full-back. All too often the three-quarters failed to make the most of their chances and allowed their opponents a too easy passage to the goal line. On balance the season's record was satisfactory, though hardly flattering.

COLTS XV

The award of Colts colours was not easy as most members of the Colts XV distinguished themselves at some time or other during the season. Those who received colours have been adjudged the most consistent players. Under the able captaincy of J. J. Hanson the side won several well-deserved victories and their record augurs well for future seasons, especially as several members of the pack are both well-built and fast-running boys. With a little more experience the three-quarters should also all give useful service to the School in coming seasons.

FIRST XV FIXTURE LIST, 1952

Saturday	27th	September	...	...	v.	Eltham College	...	...	Home
Saturday	4th	October	...	...	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	Away
Wednesday	8th	"	...	...	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	Away
Saturday	11th	"	...	...	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	...	...	Home
Saturday	18th	"	...	...	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	Home
Saturday	25th	"	...	...	v.				
Wednesday	29th	"	...	...	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton			Home
Wednesday	5th	November	...	...	v.	City of London School	...	...	Away
Saturday	8th	"	...	...	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	Away
Saturday	15th	"	...	...	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	Away
Wednesday	19th	"	...	...	v.	St. George's School	...	...	Away
Saturday	22nd	"	...	...	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	Home
Saturday	29th	"	...	...	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	Away
Saturday	6th	December	...	...	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A"	...	...	Home
Saturday	13th	"	...	...	v.				

RESULTS OF MATCHES

						Points		Result
						F.	A.	
1951			First XV					
Sept.	29	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	19	9	Won
Oct.	6	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	9	3	Won
"	10	v.	City of London School	...	...	3	13	Lost
"	13	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	5	8	Lost
"	20	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	0	6	Lost
"	27	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	0	5	Lost
"	30	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	...	11	13	Lost
"	30	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	...	8	6	Won
Nov.	10	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...			
"	17	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...			Cancelled
"	21	v.	St. George's, Harpenden	...	...	12	8	Won
"	28	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	6	8	Lost
"	28	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	0	6	Lost
Dec.	1	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	...	...	0	30	Lost
"	8	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	6	0	Won
"	15	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...			
1952								
Mar.	8	v.	Monmouth School	...	...	3	6	Lost

						Points		Result
						F.	A.	
			SECOND XV					
Sept.	29	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	35	0	Won
Oct.	6	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	13	3	Won
"	10	v.	City of London School	...	...	17	5	Won
"	13	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	11	3	Won
"	20	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	18	3	Won
"	27	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	25	0	Won
"	27	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	17	3	Won
Nov.	10	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...			
"	17	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...			Cancelled
"	24	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	28	5	Won
"	24	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	0	17	Lost
Dec.	1	v.	Old Haberdashers' "Extra A" XV	...	...	3	3	Drawn
"	8	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	11	3	Won
"	15	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...			

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV		SECOND XV	
*Spatcher, D. N.		†Bennet, J. H.	
†Avery, K. G.		††Freilich, S.	
†Allwright, K. S. H.		†Oeters, W. D. M.	
†Borin, A. J.		††White, I. S. R.	
††Cullingford, D.		†Duke, M.	
**Lumsden, M. S. (Capt.)		†Maconachie, D. J.	
††Pollock, J. N.		††Newton, A. M. (Capt.)	
*Honey, J. N.		†Elliott, C. P.	
†**Parker, G. D. M.		†Beaman, M.	
††Newton, M. O.		†Leverton, D. J.	
†††Kimber, M. P.		†Farrand, J. T.	
††Freeman, M. M. R.		†Newton, J. M.	
*Couch, H. E.		†Pangalos, A. J.	
††Shiells, P. C.		†Harborow, K. E.	
***Morrison, G. B.		†Keen, M. J.	
*Denotes First XV Colours		†Denotes First XXX Colours	

RESULTS OF MATCHES

THIRD XV

Sept.	29	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	20	6	Won
Oct.	10	v.	City of London School	...	...	46	3	Won
"	13	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	0	29	Lost
"	20	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	5	30	Lost
"	27	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	3	11	Lost
No.	10	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	3	3	Drawn
"	17	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	Cancelled		
"	24	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	15	8	Won
"	28	v.	St. Benedict's School	...	...	8	12	Lost
Dec.	8	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	6	8	Lost
"	15	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	6	3	Won

COLTS XV

Sept.	29	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	3	13	Lost
Oct.	13	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	8	8	Drawn
"	20	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	8	0	Won
"	27	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	28	0	Won
Nov.	10	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	6	3	Won
"	17	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	Cancelled		
"	24	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	12	6	Won
Dec.	8	v.	City of London School	...	...	0	9	Lost
"	15	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	14	0	Won

ANALYSIS

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	14	5	9	0	82	121
2nd XV	11	9	1	1	178	45
3rd XV	10	4	5	1	112	113
Colts XV	8	5	2	1	79	39

TEAM MAKE-UPS

THIRD XV

Reader, D. L.

Neale, M. F.

Boost, G. S.

Nash, M. J.

Rogers, G.

Walker, M. V.

Fulluck, D. J. (Capt.)

Bancroft, J. M.

Hunter, B. F.

Brockbank, L. D.

Fuller, N. A.

Harrowell,

Kipps, R. M.

Jones, M. E. G.

Field, T. H. E.

COLTS XV

‡Waldman, B. L.

Davies, J. B.

Brett, J.

‡Cleveland, M. L. (Capt.)

Purchase, H. G.

Pettet, A. J.

‡Hanson, J. J.

Bragg, M. J.

Neal, E. T.

‡Wood, B. R.

‡Coe, B. H. J.

‡Robbins, T. A.

‡Matear, D.

Bate, A.

Butler, G. A.

‡Denotes Junior Colours

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS JUNIOR

Hendersons 14 pts.

Russells 6 pts.

Contrary to expectations, Hendersons stood firm against their heavier opponents and finished worthy victors. Russells wasted valuable opportunities on account of scrappy, ineffective play, and at times the match was a most dull spectacle. There were, however, some periods of exciting play, and creditable individual performances by J. B. Davies, N. A. Fuller and J. J. Hanson for Hendersons, and by H. G. Purchase and T. A. Robbins for Russells provided occasional thrills. For Hendersons G. S. Boost converted the first of two tries scored by Hanson, and further tries were scored by L. E. Scruton and Davies. T. A. Robbins scored both of the Russells tries, the second in the course of a scramble by the forwards on the Hendersons' line.

Joblings 11 pts. SENIOR Calverts 0 pts.

The clash of two such strong sides did not prove to be either as spectacular or as exciting as was expected. Play was scrappy in the first half and an opportunist try by H. E. Couch for Joblings was the only score.

Calverts began the second half with a spirited burst of play, but a sound Joblings defence stood up to the attack, and before long the Calverts line was itself under pressure, M. S. Lumsden managing to elude several players, finally touched down under the post and kicked a goal. Joblings now began to dominate the game at forward and back, and a well-concerted push in a scrummage near the Calverts line gave P. C. Shiells the opportunity to score yet another try. The kick was missed this time. For the remainder of the game the Calverts line was under constant attack by the Joblings backs who were ably supported by their forwards, but no further score resulted.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

FIRST ROUND

Joblings	14 pts.	Strouts	0 pts.
Meadows	11 pts.	Hendersons	5 pts.

SECOND ROUND

Joblings	21 pts.	Calverts	0 pts.
Russells	9 pts.	Meadows	5 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Joblings 25 pts.		Russells	5 pts.
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

M. S. Lumsden had the misfortune to injure an ankle in the final practice game and was prevented from playing for the School on that account. Those who made up the side were K. G. Avery, H. E. Couch, D. Cullingford, J. N. Honey, G. B. Morrison, P. C. Shiells and D. N. Spatcher. The team played poorly in the first round against Prior Park School and was eliminated from the competition by a defeat of twenty points to nil.

BOXING

The finals of the House Competitions were held at the end of the Christmas Term. School colours were excluded from the competition, but the finalists, from an entry of over 200 boys, provided much good boxing.

RESULTS:—

UPPER SCHOOL

Under 6 st. 0 lbs. Clifford bt. Brewer	Under 9 st. 0 lbs. Jones bt. Gross
„ 6 st. 9 lbs. Brice bt. Allen	„ 9 st. 0 lbs. Barker bt. Sims
„ 7 st. 4 lbs. White, A. bt.	„ 9 st. 7 lbs. Matear bt.
White, W.	Frailman
„ 7 st. 10 lbs. Stark bt. Pankhurst	„ 9 st. 12 lbs. Baker bt. Turner
„ 8 st. 3 lbs. Burgess bt. Horrocks	„ 10 st. 7 lbs. Martin bt. Lewis
„ 9 st. 0 lbs. Purchase bt.	„ 11 st. 7 lbs. Coe bt. Couch
Davies, B.	
„ 9 st. 0 lbs. Merritt bt.	„ 11 st. 7 lbs. Silvey bt. Parker
Shrimpton	

LOWER SCHOOL

Under 12 years	Over 12 years
Under 5 st. 2 lbs. Holland bt. Walker	Under 5 st. 4 lbs. Boon bt. Kelton
„ 5 st. 9 lbs. Hart bt. Strange	„ 6 st. 0 lbs. Stewart bt. Selby
„ 6 st. 0 lbs. Slevin bt. Harris	„ 6 st. 3 lbs. Gaunt bt. Boatman
„ 6 st. 6 lbs. Antrobus bt. Simpson	„ 6 st. 7 lbs. Hodgkinson bt.
	Vogler
„ 7 st. 0 lbs. Healey bt. Theodoru	„ 8 st. 0 lbs. Start bt. Cornford
„ 7 st. 7 lbs. Robson bt. Burren	„ 8 st. 7 lbs. White bt. Parker
Over 7 st. 7 lbs. Ohrenstein bt. Yeomans	

HOUSE POINTS

UPPER SCHOOL	LOWER SCHOOL
Calverts 36 points	Joblings 38 points
Russells 30 „	Meadows 38 „
Meadows 25 „	Calverts 35 „
Hendersons 22 „	Russells 32 „
Strouts 20 „	Hendersons 31 „
Joblings 13 „	Strouts 26 „

During the Spring Term fifty boys took part in nine School matches, of which seven were won and two lost. The high standard of fitness attained by the School teams which resulted from regular attendance at practice, reflects credit on the Captain of Boxing, D. Cullingford, who set his team a sound example both in the ring and in the gym.

The Club is very much indebted to its many friends who have devoted so much time to officiating at matches, and to Mr. Dudderidge, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cooper for their help and co-operation throughout the season.

Colours for the season have been awarded as shown below, the numbers in brackets after each name indicating the number of bouts each boy has boxed for the School.

Full Colours: Reawarded to D. Cullingford (17), M. J. Nash (8), A. M. Newton (14), J. M. Newton (13), M. O. Newton (15).

- Half Colours:* Reawarded to F. L. Gardner (17), P. J. Rickman (12).
 New Awards: M. J. Baker (13), H. G. Purchase (9).
 (12).
- Ribbon Colours:* Reawarded to P. D. Darke (18), R. Rowlinson (13), D. J. Ward
 (15).
 New awards: M. Beaman (11), J. J. Hanson (18), S. R. Lidyard
- Junior Colours:* Reawarded to B. D. Horne (8), M. S. White (5).
 New Awards: B. R. Boatman (6), A. E. Curtis (5), R. L. Corn-
 ford (4), B. H. Gaunt (7), J. R. Parker (1),
 P. Stewart (3).

MATCH REPORTS

January 29th. v. City of London School. (Home).

For the first match of the season the general standard of fitness was good. Lidyard boxed well to win a brisk contest. Hanson found his taller opponent difficult to hit, while Davies failed to profit by his own advantage in reach. Baker, Rickman and Beaman all disposed of their opponents within the three rounds. Cullingford is to be complimented on his gallant bout against a heavier opponent.

Result: School 6 wins. C.L.S. 5 wins.

January 31st. v. City of London School Juniors. (Away).

This was a very even match throughout. Our beginners, particularly Hart, Holland and Healey, showed great promise, boxing correctly and punching strongly. Hesselberger and Start showed courage in the face of strong opposition, and all members of the team bore themselves well.

Result: School 8 wins. C.L.S. 7 wins.

February 11th. v. Colet Court. (Away).

In the lighter weights our boxers showed both skill and aggression, and as a result we won the first seven bouts. Ritchie and Strange, boxing in their first match contests, are to be complimented on their neat boxing. Scofield boxed pluckily and well against a strong opponent, while Cornford showed much improvement on his previous form.

Result: School 9 wins. Colet Court 5 wins.

February 13th. v. Wimbledon College. (Away).

A series of accidents caused the retirement of three of our boxers, while an unexpected right swing robbed a fourth of a contest he had clearly won on points. Brice and Hanson boxed strongly to win well, while Cullingford and Beaman stopped their opponents inside the three rounds. M. O. Newton's stirring struggle with the opposing captain made amends for our earlier misfortunes.

Result: School 4 wins. Wimbledon 9 wins.

February 20th. v. Merchant Taylors' School. (Home).

All the members of the team were very fit and boxed strongly. Hanson, Nash and Pettett proved too strong for their opponents and won inside the three rounds. Coe outpunched an older and heavier boy while A. Newton, parrying and countering his opponent's long left, was unlucky not to get the decision. Beaman's longer reach won him his contest. Cullingford's very fine boxing against the opposing captain provided an excellent finish to the match.

Result: School 7 wins. M.T.S. 3 wins.

February 21st. v. Wimbledon College Juniors. (Home).

The Lower School team was in good form for their last match of the season. Holland's fast left proved too much for his opponent. Fitzgerald and Curtis boxed well and just lost well fought bouts. Hart and Slevin outpunched their opponents. While Healey was at first much too aggressive, Cornford adopted defensive tactics which lost him the decision.

Result: School 5 wins. Wimbledon 4 wins.

March 1st. v. Brighton College. (Away).

The members of the opposing side were all fit and strong and each bout of the match was keenly contested. We lost the first four contests. Lidyard, in the fifth bout, was dropped in the first round, but was quickly up again and defeated

his opponent in the second round. Gardner's greater experience, J. Newton's continued aggression and A. Newton's dogged perseverance won them the next three contests. The final bout in which Cullingford's sound boxing and hard punching just gained him the verdict, was a fitting climax to an excellent afternoon's boxing.

Result: School 5 wins. Brighton 4 wins.

March 7th. v. Monmouth School. (Home).

The teams consisted of one boy at each weight from 5st. 7 lbs. to 10 st. 7 lbs. Fitzgerald, Gaunt, Boatman and Stark boxed strongly and well to win the first four contests. Cornford and Purchase lost well fought bouts. While Gardner and Rickman appeared baffled by their opponents' style, Baker and M. Newton took the initiative and won well.

Result: School 7 wins. Monmouth 3 wins.

March 12th. v. St. Paul's School. (Home).

Each of the 21 bouts in this match provided evenly matched and well fought contests. Horne, M. S. White and Parker, appearing in their first contests this season, won well, while Burgess, Stark, Purchase and Hanson showed great improvement on their earlier form. Gardner had a close contest, just losing in the third round; Lidyard fought strongly and courageously against a more experienced opponent, while Rickman, doing well against strong opposition, was unlucky to have the bout stopped against him. Nash boxed in excellent style to win the best bout of a long afternoon's boxing.

Result: School 9 wins. St. Paul's 12 wins.

R.W.H.

THE BOAT CLUB

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Last Autumn Term commenced with a large number of boys wishing to join the club, but owing to lack of space at Mortlake, they could not be accepted.

The first four weeks of term were devoted to training the 1st and 2nd IVs for a friendly race against Worcester Union. With the exception of our cox, the 1st IV consisted of four boys who were the remainder of last year's 1st VIII. The 1st IV lost by a canvas, and the 2nd by three lengths. The second half of the term was spent in training three VIIIs for the Spring Term's Head of the River race.

Early in the Spring Term, it was decided to enter two VIIIs for the Head; the 1st VIII and a Colts' VIII. These two eights did most of their training together, and the competition which developed between them was of great value to their rowing. At this stage we were faced with the difficult task of training a cox for the 1st boat, but P. B. Sale, in his first term of competitive coxing has shown great promise.

We had one friendly race this term with the City of London School. This was a three-up race of which the report appears later. After this race, we realised our most serious fault was the lack of ability to keep the perfect timing essential to good training. However, in the two weeks left to us before the Head much improvement was made, but we were most unfortunate in having to row a reserve at the last minute. The Saturday of the race was warm and sunny. We were optimistic of our chances, but after

the start and half-way stage it was realised that real fighting spirit was lacking. But nevertheless we produced a good finishing burst, being hard-pressed by a St. Paul's School crew. Our final placing was 9th in our division and the Colts finished 20th, doing well for an inexperienced crew.

This race achieved much more than the results indicate. Both crews now realise the importance of real determination and hard work during practices. If they remember that the essence of good rowing is hard work, concentration and a real fighting spirit with the will to win, we can look forward to a very successful summer season.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Browning for his energetic coaching of the 1st VIII, and Mr. McNair and Mr. Keevil for their coaching of the rather raw Colt's VIII.

J. A. ROBBINS.

CREWS FOR THE HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

1st VIII

Bow: Parker, B. N.*
 2. Binding, G. B.*
 3. Kellett, J.
 4. Ridge, N.† Routley*
 5. Brown, B. G.†
 6. Robbins, J. A.†
 7. Spencer, P. F.†
Stroke: Cloote, A. R. B.†
Cox: Sale, P. B.

Awarded colours †

Colts VIII

Bow: Bartlett, D. E.
 2. Boyers, B. A.
 3. Baker, M. J.
 4. Gray, J. R.
 5. Johnson, B.*
 6. Nash, P.*
 7. Battson, G. B.
Stroke: Irving, S. I.*
Cox: Savage, P.

Awarded half-colours *

RACE REPORTS

Saturday, 27th October. v. Worcester Union 1st IV.

Course: Kew rail bridge to Mortlake R.C.

The conditions for this were fair, with a slack tide and a stiffish wind. We were unfortunate in having to row this race in a strange boat with fixed pins. After a weak start we were $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths down for the first $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. We then put in a very spirited ten and went up, very rapidly towards the finish. In spite of a good final effort, we lost by 4 feet.

Wednesday, 27th February. v. City of London School.

Course: Chiswick Bridge to Kew rail bridge.

This was a three-up race, the Colts VIII also taking part. There was no wind and a moderate tide. After the first 10 strokes, the City and the School 1st VIII were level but $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths up on the Colts. Up to the half-way mark the City went away to lead by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and the 1st VIII leading the Colts by 2 lengths. It was not until then that the 1st VIII seemed to settle down, after a panicky start. We closed the gap to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, which was the finishing distance the Colts being about $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths behind the 1st VIII.

J. A. ROBBINS.

ATHLETICS

Do three successes make up for one failure?

Considering that the failure was quite understandable and the successes so impressive, I have little doubt that they more than do so. As early as mid-March with little time for training and many of our first strings indisposed we fared lamentably in the triangular match against Eltham College and Emanuel School. Despite our low total of points we witnessed a fine performance in the Javelin, G. D. M. Parker breaking our school record by about ten feet, and T. Robbins (a Junior) by five feet.

The first fixture this term was the School Sports, which, despite poor conditions, provided some good athletics. In the Mile race which took place three days prior to the Sports, G. Silvey, D. A. Jones and M. Jones all beat the Chase Lodge record, Silvey improving on his own with 5.0 secs. G. D. M. Parker added another two feet to his Javelin record as well as winning the other two throws. Silvey who won four events (1 mile, High Jump, Long Jump, and 440 yds) proved himself the outstanding all-round athlete of the afternoon. Prominent amongst the Juniors were Irwin (440 yds and Hurdles) Coe (1 mile and 880 yds) and Pettet (Long Jump). Calverts won the two Senior relays, finishing second in the Sports, and Joblings won the two Junior relays as well as the Sports.

Our annual match against the Old Boys was held as usual at Chase Lodge, on Wednesday, 7th May, in the evening. Although we started badly we managed to secure a one point lead with only the relay to come. The O.H. team (which included the winners of the sprints) got away to a fast start and were some yards ahead with one man to go. In the semi darkness both teams did a bad change-over and we emerged from the confusion with a winning lead which gave us the match. Throwing beautifully, Parker improved the Javelin record for the third time, with 169 ft. 7 ins. nearly thirty feet beyond the 1946 best-ever throw. This was the first time since the formation of the O.H.A.C. that the school had beaten the Old Boys, the final result being:—School 61 pts., O.H.A.C. 57 pts.

On 10th May, we travelled to Grove Park to compete against the City of London School, Junior and Senior teams. We won both matches convincingly. Silvey ran the 440 yds in irreproachable style to set new school figures with 54.5 secs. In the Juniors Bailey ran well to win the shorter sprints; Pettet won the 880 yds. and High Jump with ease; Readman was a double winner with Shot and Discus; whilst Wells surprised himself by winning the 440 yds. in the fast time of 58.7 secs.

I should like to thank the Headmaster for his personal interest in our progress, and all the other masters who have helped with the smooth running of our matches, especially Mr. Crossman and

Mr. Thomas. I am greatly indebted to Silvey for his assistance as Vice-Captain, to G. D. M. Parker for his help with the coaching of our Junior throwers, and to all those who have competed for the School, for they have made this a successful season. We ask Mr. Dudderidge to accept responsibility for the honours reaped, and hope we have been worthy of his efforts and enthusiasm.

SUMMER TERM COMPETITIONS AND RESULTS

1. School Sports, shown separately.
2. *v.* Old Boys: School 61 pts. O.H. 57 pts. Parker: Javelin 169' 7".
3. *v.* City of London School: School Seniors 57 pts. C. of L. Seniors 40 pts.
School Juniors 49 pts. C. of L. Juniors 39 pts.

RECORDS BROKEN

<i>Event</i>	<i>Holder</i>	<i>Time or Distance</i>	<i>Date</i>
1. Javelin	Parker	150' 2"	22nd March
2. 1 Mile (Grass)	Silvey	5 mins. 0 secs.	30th April
3. Javelin	Parker	152' 0"	3rd May
4. Javelin	Parker	169' 7"	7th May
5. 440 yds.	Silvey	54.5 secs.	10th May

The following have represented the School:—Silvey, D. A, Brown, Keen, Morrison, Hunter, Avery, Irwin, Coe, Pettet. Readman, Robbins, Bailey, Wood, Cleveland, Wells, Fraiman, and Benghiat.

F. BENGHIAT, *Capt. of Athletics.*

There is little for me to add to the above report on the achievements of the Athletics Team beyond saying that they have shown that success will come and can only come through a study of improved techniques and the mastery of them through careful practice. In particular this has been the secret of Parker's success in the Javelin, and the experience of all outstanding figures in every field of sport.

We have been fortunate in having in the School someone like Benghiat who has combined competence in performance with a capacity for inspiring leadership. Great credit is due to him and to those senior athletics who have so ably supported him.

Colours have been re-awarded to Benghiat and Silvey and new awards have been made to Parker and D. A. Jones. J.W.D.

UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday, 3rd May, 1952

1. One Mile, Jun. 1—Coe (M); 2—Pettet (S); 3—Couch (J); 4—Lidyard (R); 5—Mann (C); 6—Brewer (H). *Time:* 5 mins. 28.2 secs.
2. One Mile, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Jones, D. A. (C); 3—Jones, M. E. G. (S); 4—Bennett (R); 5—Maddison (H); 6—Bancroft (J). *Time:* 5 mins. (A record).
3. Hurdles, Jun. Heat 1. 1—Irwin (J); 2—Carter (C); 3—Handcombe (M).

4. Hurdles, Jun. Heat 2. 1—Purchase (R); 2—White, W. I. (S); 3—Fuller (H).
5. High Jump, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Benghiat (C); 3—Oeters (J); 4—Nash, C. J. (S); 5—Beaman (H); 6—Martin (R).
Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.
6. Long Jump, Jun. 1—Pettet (S); 2—Irwin (J); 3—Wells, J. (C); 4—Brown, M. E. (R); 5—Davies (H); 6—Bailey (M);
Distance: 16 ft. 9 ins.
7. Discus, Jun. 1—Robbins, T. (R); 2—Readman (S); 3—Cleveland (J); 4—Davies (H); 5—Fawcett (C); 6—Coe (M).
Distance: 89 ft. 5 ins.
8. Discus, Sen. 1—Parker (S); 2—Duke (J); 3—Spencer (M); 4—Robbins, J. (R); 5—Honey (C); 6—Beaman (H);
Distance: 96 ft. 3 ins.
9. High Jump, Jun. 1—Cleveland (J); 2—Pettet (S); 3—Coe (M); 4—Carter (C); 5—Hampshire (H); 6—Butler (R).
Height: 5 ft. 1 in.
10. Long Jump, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Oeters (J); 3—Benghiat (C); 4—Herzog (H); 5—Nash, C. J. (S); 6—Ridge (R).
Distance: 18 ft. 1 in.
11. 100 yards, Jun. 1—Bailey (M); 2—Wood (C); 3—Fraiman (J); 4—Davies (H); 5—Butler (R). *Time:* 11.8 secs.
12. 100 yards, Sen. 1—Benghiat (C); 2—Lumsden (J); 3—Nash, C. J. (S); 4—Hunter (M); 5—Herzog (H); 6—Ridge (R).
Time: 11.4 secs.
13. Hurdles, Jun. Final. 1—Irwin (J); 2—Purchase (R); 3—Carter (C); 4—Fuller (H); Handscombe (M), White, W. I. (S). *Time:* 19 secs.
14. 880 yards, Jun. 1—Coe, (M); 2—Couch (J); 3—Morris (H); 4—Mann (C); 5—Bragg (R); 6—Cox (S). *Time:* 2 mins. 25.2 secs.
15. 880 yards, Sen. 1—Jones, D. A. (C); 2—Newton, J. M. (J); 3—Walker (S); 4—Cullingford (M); 5—Hall (R); 6—Maddison (H). *Time:* 2 mins. 15.8 secs.
16. Hurdles, Sen. Heat 1. 1—Benghiat (C); 2—Pettet (S); 3—Scruton (H).
17. Hurdles, Sen. Heat 2. 1—Hunter (M); 2—Oeters (J); 3—Mansbridge (R).
18. 440 yards, Jun. 1—Irwin (J); 2—Wells (C); 3—Kent (M); 4—Pettet (S); 5—Robbins, T. (R); 6—Morris (H).
Time: 59.8 secs.
19. 440 yards, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Duke (J); 3—Brown, D. A. (R); 4—Phillips (C); 5—Jones, M. (S); 6—Scruton (H).
Time: 56.2 secs.
20. Javelin, Jun. 1—Fuller (H); 2—Cleveland (J); 3—Robbins, T. (R); 4—Cox (S); 5—Flatto (M); 6—
Distance: 97 ft.
21. Shot, Sen. 1—Parker (S); 2—Coe (M); 3—Lumsden (J); 4—Honey (C); 5—Miller (R); 6—Farrand (H).
Distance: 32 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
22. Hurdles, Sen. Final. 1—Benghiat (C); 2—Oeters (J); Hunter (M), 4—Scruton (H), Mansbridge (R), Pettet (S).
Time: 17.6 secs.

23. 220 yards, Jun. 1—Wood (C); 2—Fraiman (J); 3—Clark (H); 4—Purchase (R); 5—Bailey (M); 6—White (S).
Time: 26.4 secs.
24. 220 yards, Sen. 1—Lumsden (J); 2—Freeman (R); 3—Herzog (H); 4—Phillips (C); 5—Parker (S); 6—Downing (M).
Time: 26.2 secs.
25. Javelin, Sen. 1—Parker (S); 2—Rickman (R); 3—Bastin (M); 4—Oeters (J); 5—Honey (C); 6—
Distance: 152 ft. 6 ins. (A record).
26. Shot, Jun. 1—Readman (S); 2—Clark, L. S. (H); 3—Wood (C); 4—Couch (J); 5—Robbins, T. (R); 6—Harborow (M). *Distance:* 32 ft. 10 ins.
27. Relay, 4 x 110 yds. 1—Joblings; 2—Russells; 3—Meadows; 4—Calverts; Jun. 5—Hendersons; 6—Strouts. *Time:* 53 secs.
28. Relay, 4 x 110 yds. 1—Calverts; 2—Joblings; 3—Meadows; 4—Russells; Sen. 5—Strouts; 6—Hendersons. *Time:* 52.4 secs.
29. Medley Relay, Jun. 1—Joblings; 2—Meadows; 3—Strouts; 4—Russells; 5—Calverts; 6—Hendersons. *Time:* 4 mins. 23.2 secs.
30. Medley Relay, Sen. 1—Calverts; 2—Strouts; 3—Russells, 4—Joblings; 5—Meadows; 6—Hendersons. *Time:* 4 mins. 10.4 secs.
31. Tug-of-War Joblings beat Meadows.
Points for "Standard times." Calverts, 47; Hendersons, 38; Joblings, 53; Meadows, 32; Russells, 30; Strouts, 46.
- House Competition* 1—Joblings, 203½; 2—Calverts, 165½; 3—Meadows, 150½; 4—Strouts, 149½; 5—Russells, 123½; 6—Hendersons, 101½.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

This has been the School's most successful season for many years; the chief reason for this was the excellent packing of the team; although there was no outstanding runner, all those who ran regularly were extremely competent, and performed very consistently. The season started very auspiciously with an overwhelming win in a new fixture at Blackheath against a much older team from the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, by 22 pts. to 57, the School's runners filling the first five places. The return match at Chase Lodge proved very exciting, the School's good packing gaining a win by 37 pts. to 42. The last fixture of the Autumn Term was the Highgate Harriers Invitation Race for Schools, run over 3½ miles at Parliament Hill Fields. The School gained 4th place out of the 25 schools competing; Silvey was 19th, D. A. Jones 34th, Skrimpton 39th, Skrimshire 46th, Read 49th, Tymms 76th and Goad 114th, out of 200 runners. Excellent packing won the away match against Harrow County School, 6 of the first 7 places going to H.A.H.S., by 27 pts. to 53. The only defeat of the season now followed, at Chase Lodge, at the hands of a very strong Shaftesbury Harriers team, by 34 pts. to 45. Another new fixture against City of London School at Grove Park

resulted in the School winning by 39 pts. to 46, although our opponents gained first, second, and third places. A junior match held simultaneously was won overwhelmingly by 24 pts. to 67, H.A.H.S. gaining the first 7 places. This was followed by a most disappointing result in the Ranelagh Harriers Schools' Race, over a $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles course over easy grassland in Richmond Park, when the School finished 14th out of 19 teams. The race was won by J. Boyd, of Wallington County School, winners of the team race, who recently set up a new record for the L.A.C. Schools' Mile. School positions were D. A. Jones 22nd, Keen 56th, Silvey 70th, Skrimshire 76th, J. Newton 92nd and M. E. G. Jones 97th out of 114 runners. Fourth place out of 12 schools was gained in the Southgate Harriers Schools' Race, won by Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Barnet, M. E. G. Jones being 14th, Silvey 17th, D. A. Jones 18th, Fulluck 27th, Keen 30th, Skrimpton 33rd, Skrimshire 47th, and Read 66th, out of 96 runners. The season ended on a high note with a home win by 37 pts. to 41 against old rivals in Emanuel for the first time since this fixture was resumed after the War.

Cross Country colours were re-awarded to D. A. Jones and new awards made to Silvey, M. E. G. Jones, Keen and Skrimpton. Skrimshire and Maddison were both very valuable regular members of the team, and the final team make-up was completed by Fulluck, Milligan, J. Newton, and Read. Tymms, Goad, Bancroft and Field also ran for the School team.

In conclusion, I would like to express my very sincere thanks to Mr. Hickman for his valuable encouragement and advice, and especially for his arduous work as scorer, to Silvey for his never-failing support as Vice-Captain, and all the regular members of the team for their enthusiasm and their excellent performances.

D. A. JONES.

FIVES

Fives has taken place during the Winter and Spring Terms as a regular Wednesday afternoon activity. Several promising players emerged, particularly Rotheroe, Ruben, Turner and Green. As in the past, however, most of these were in their last term at school and it is obvious that if Fives is to regain anything of its previous standard, the players must be encouraged at a younger age.

One match was played during the Spring Term, at home, against U.C.S. U.C.S. won the match by 180 to 64 points.

The School was represented by:—

<i>1st Pair</i>	<i>2nd Pair</i>
Goldstein, A. S.	Ovis, S. (Capt.)
Green, G. A.	Randell, I.

I should like to thank Mr. Sanderson for his continual interest and guidance throughout the year.

S. OVIS, *Captain of Fives.*

SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday, 30th May, 1952

1. 100 Yards (Open): Attenborough (R); 2, Elliott (C); 3, Collins (C); 4, Benghiat (C); 5, Cloote (S); 6, Fulluck (C). Time: 73 secs.
 2. 440 Yards (Open) for the Care Cup: 1, Attenborough (R); 2, Elliott (C); 3, Collins (C); 4, Cloote (S); 5, Fulluck (C); 6, Maconachie (R). Time: 6 mins. 17 secs.
 3. Back Stroke (Under 14): 1, Barnes (C); 2, Taylor (R); 3, Start (R); 4, Boon (M); 5, Sluce (H); 6, Thompson (J). Time: 25.3 secs.
 4. Back Stroke (Under 15): 1, Collins (C); 2, Stern (J); 3, Mercer (J); 4, Chapman (C); 5, Lewis (H). Time: 23.4 secs.
 5. Back Stroke (Under 16): 1, Coe (M); 2, Molineaux (R); 3, Higgs (H); 4, Haley (S); 5, Pettet (S); 6, West (H). Time: 24.8 secs.
 6. Back Stroke (Open): 1, Cloote (S); 2, Benghiat (C); 3, Attenborough (R); 4, Elliott (C); 5, Fulluck (C); 6, Leverton (C). Time: 21.4 secs.
 7. Free Style (Under 13): 1, Healey (H); 2, Martin (R); 3, Antrobus (J); 4, Smith (H); 5, Ebel. Time: 25 secs.
 8. Free Style (Under 14): 1, Barnes (C); 2, Sluce (H); 3, Warwick (J); 4, Youngman (H); 5, Taylor (R); 6, Allen (H). Time: 21.7 secs.
 9. Free Style (Under 15): 1, Collins (C); 2, Mercer (J); 3, Bysher (S); 4, Lewis (H); 5, Stern (J); 6, Layland (C). Time: 19.5 secs.
 10. Free Style (Under 16): 1, Higgs (H); 2, Coe (M); 3, Haley (S); 4, Molineaux (R); 5, Pettet (S); 6, Waldman (J). Time: 20.2 secs.
 11. Free Style (Open): 1, Elliott (C); 2, Cloote (S); 3, Attenborough (R); 4, Benghiat (C); 5, Johnson (S); 6, Myer (C). Time: 18.6 secs.
 12. Breast Stroke (Under 13): 1, Smith (H); 2, Winney (H); 3, Cattle (M); 4, Dallison (J); 5, Grayson (S). Time: 33.9 secs.
 13. Breast Stroke (Under 14): 1, Start (R); 2, Boatman (M); 3, Sluce (H); 4, Vogler (R); 5, Dorner (M); 6, Stewart (S). Time: 25.7 secs.
 14. Breast Stroke (Under 15): 1, Collins (C); 2, Oppenheimer (S); 3, Leff (M); 4, Fredman (C); 5, Wilde (R); 6, Stark (H). Time: 24.6 secs.
 15. Breast Stroke (Under 16): 1, Coe (M); 2, Clark (H); 3, Bate (J); 4, Ovens (M); 5, Richardson (M); 6, Irwin (J). Time: 24.2 secs.
 16. Breast Stroke (Open): 1, Johnson (S); 2, Attenborough (R); 3, Benghiat (C); 4, Rogers (C); 5, Shiells (J); 6, Cloote (S). Time: 23 secs.
 17. Diving (Under 14): 1, Willment (M); 2, Martin (R); 3, Warwick (J); 4, Healey (H); 5, Charles (R); 6, Vogler (R).
 18. Medley Relay for the Hassett Cup: 1, Strouts; 2, Calverts; 3, Russells; 4, Hendersons; 5, Joblings; 6, Meadows. Time: 1 min. 22.8 secs.
 19. Diving (Under 16): 1, Pettet (S); 2, Darke (S); 3, Clifford (M); 4, Gaunt (J); 5, Pryke (C); 6, Waldman (J).
 20. Junior Team Race for the Peavot Cup: 1, Calverts; 2, Strouts; 3, Hendersons; 4, Joblings; 5, Meadows; 6, Russells. Time: 1 min. 25.1 secs.
 21. Diving (Open): 1, Leverton (C); 2, Fulluck (C); 3, Maconachie (R); 4, Molineaux (R); 5, Pangalos (C); 6, Mitchell (S).
 22. Senior Team Race for the Taylor Wilson Cup: 1, Calverts; 2, Strouts; 3, Hendersons; 4, Russells; 5, Meadows; 6, Joblings. Time: 1 min. 20.6 secs.
- The Thomas Arno Cup for Open Events was won by Calverts with 65 points. Russells were second with 33 points, and Strouts third with 26 points. The replica was won by Elliott (C).
- The final positions in the competition for the House Swimming Shield were: 1, Calverts, 183; 2, Russells, 117; 3, Strouts, 111½; 4, Hendersons, 102½; 5, Meadows, 77½; 6, Joblings, 72½.

TENNIS CLUB

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms tennis continued to be a very live school activity in spite of rather inclement weather. Whenever conditions permitted the Westbere Road Courts were in use during the lunch-hour break both for practice and coaching. Mr. Byrne paid two or three visits a week to give professional coaching to all willing to pay for the privilege and a very large number of Lower School boys in particular took advantage of his visits; whilst on Wednesday afternoons at Brondesbury members of the School tennis teams and other senior boys made considerable progress under his care.

During the Summer Term coaching has had to be confined to Wednesday afternoons, owing to the demand for Mr. Byrne's services elsewhere, but enthusiasm has not abated and there has been a record entry for both Singles and Doubles Championships in the Upper School House Tournaments, whilst in the Lower School Tennis Club the unofficial championships have again received solid support.

The School First VI has benefited from additional practices on Saturday mornings at Chase Lodge, with the welcome assistance of members of the Old Haberdashers' L.T.C., and promises to be a better all-round team than the School has had for some time. It began the season well with a victory over the Old Haberdashers' Rugby Club (Tennis Section), followed by a very close match with Brighton College at Brighton where the contest was lost in the last set after a battle lasting six hours, the final result being 4 matches to 5 (20 sets to 21)! The tennis was of very high standard in this match and all members of the team played well under Benghiat's leadership. The next match against Harrow County School at Brondesbury ended in a victory of 5 matches to 3, and it was followed by a good but half-finished match against a strong team from Heathfield Park L.T.C. in which we were only one match down. Our prospects, therefore, for the first round of the Glanvill Cup (inter Public Schools' Championship) against St. Paul's School at Brondesbury seemed reasonably good. It was consequently rather disappointing to find several members of the team off form on 28th May, and able to take only one set off St. Paul's out of a 7 set match.

Once more we have fallen at the first hurdle in this contest but we live in hopes of doing better in the Youll Cup at Wimbledon in late July. Members of the School team must learn to suit their game to court and weather conditions and put the emphasis on steadiness rather than on dramatic and showy shots which often bring no dividends. At the same time the will to win is important and purely defensive play is not likely to bring final success. With

further match and tournament experience there is no doubt that both first and second teams will achieve a creditable record. The following have played for the First Six so far this season:—F. Benghiat (Capt.), D. L. Supran, B. N. Sandifer, B. W. R. Bennett, M. Beaman, M. O. Herzog, Ovens and M. S. Lumsden.

Ovens has been appointed Captain of the Second VI and played for the First VI in the Glanvill Cup match. He is clearly one of the most promising young players the School has had and should prove of great value in the future. Up to going to press the Second VI has played only one match, and that against Latymer Upper School First VI, losing by $1\frac{1}{2}$ matches to $5\frac{1}{2}$. With further experience it should do much better than this; some strengthening of the team may also be possible by a re-arrangement of personnel. An experimental 'Under 16' match against Latymer Upper School will provide an opportunity for testing out some potential middle school talent which may possibly be of use to the Second VI. The School is fortunate in possessing several promising young players, so that the prospects for the future are bright.

G.S.C.

BASKET BALL

It is most pleasant to report that this has been a year of outstanding improvement in the playing of Basket Ball. Since September about twelve of the most promising players—Juniors and Seniors—attended regular training practices at least twice a week. Looking back, I can say with confidence that their progress has been spectacular.

This is confirmed by the fact that Joblings—whose team consisted of boys who attended these practises, whereas other Houses were less fortunate—ran away with the Senior competition and, later, proceeded to give a sound beating to a team representing "The Rest."

In the Junior competition, Russells won the final after being a few uncomfortable points behind Calverts at half-time—the latter losing their top scorer a few minutes before the end of the match.

My thanks are due to A. J. Borin for his assistance as Vice-Captain; to Mr. Thomas, without whose guidance and enthusiasm it would not have been possible to report such remarkable progress and, finally, to all those who play the game (16 upwards) and whose keenness should lend weight to the plea—"Let us have some School matches."

F. BENGHIAT.



FIRST VIII, 1952



Saas-Fee, 1952

LEARNING TO SKI Photo by "Daily Graphic"

WINTER SPORTS PARTY

During the Christmas holidays a School party paid a visit to Saas-Fee, a small mountain village in the Swiss Alps. We were very comfortably accommodated in the Hotel Dom whose proprietor, Mr. Supersaxo, knew us well, as a School party had stayed there two years before.

Arrangements for ski-ing instruction were under the direction of Robert Zurbriggen, the Swiss 50 km. champion and captain of the Swiss Olympic Ski Patrol team; and we were delighted to find that Ambros Supersaxo, who had taught our party on its previous visit, had been appointed as our instructor.

The weather was good and snow conditions were perfect and all members of the party made rapid progress. We developed hearty appetites, which the Hotel Dom kitchen staff coped with in a satisfactory manner; we became tanned in the Alpine sunshine; and we enjoyed every moment of our stay.

In addition to instruction on the nursery slopes, we had excursions on skis over the surrounding hills, and made good use of the ski lift; and finally many of the party entered for the Swiss Ski tests.

We should like to express our thanks to our instructors for all they taught us in such a short time, and to Mr. Supersaxo who looked after us all so well. We hope we shall meet them again next winter.

Members of the party: G. Battson*, B. A. Boyers, M. C. Ginn*, J. I. Haley, R. S. Handscombe*, D. M. Kipps, B. G. Mansbridge*, E. T. Neal, B. H. Priestley†.

*—denotes winner of Swiss Bronze Badge.

†—denotes winner of Swiss Silver Badge.

R.W.H.

SPANISH HOLIDAY

I had always thought of Spain as a land of eternal sunshine, with people enjoying lazy, languid siestas, of a land of dancing senoritas dressed in gaily coloured clothes, of a place where some wicked Spaniard stole someone's wife away, and where huge crowds of excited people would watch the killing of a bull as we might watch the shooting of a goal.

Our journey, if not comfortable, was nevertheless pleasant and interesting. Our own group of about sixteen was joined by another of students from Wales and there was quite a babel of assorted accents. We left the English coast with a slight touch of nostalgia and crossed the channel in beautiful sunshine and cloudless sky with the sea all around which gave one a sense of the boundlessness of space, if not of time.

We spent a day in Paris with its delightful boulevards and beautiful buildings. We visited the Louvre and saw some of the

world's greatest pictures with Mona Lisa being somewhat popular. We ascended the Eiffel tower which gave us an unforgettable panorama of Paris and her surroundings.

After a rather restless night in the train we arrived in Spain with Madrid as the first important city. Madrid is a modern city with busy streets and bright shops, peopled with men and women wearing clothes with much the same fashion as those in London. American films seemed preponderant in the cinemas and American magazines could be seen on the bookstalls everywhere. Police in London are usually conspicuous by their absence, but this could hardly be said of Madrid, where men in dark uniforms with pistols in their belts were very much in evidence. Madrid, of course, has its zoo, situated in a beautiful park with a pleasant lake. Its animals, however, had no special Spanish characteristics. We saw the statues of Cervantes and Velazquez, two great figures in Spanish culture. A few hours were spent at the Escorial, outside the city, a former residence of the Spanish kings. It is a huge palace of richly decorated rooms with many tombs to remind one of the fleeting nature of life.

Our main stay in Spain was at Salamanca—a university town which seemed more typically and traditionally Spanish. It has a magnificent cathedral and the university buildings are austere and full of dignity. Our visit coincided with Easter Week and we witnessed many interesting religious processions. Led by Penitents, some barefooted, holding wooden crosses, followed by others in white cloaks, white masks and white conical hats with a tableau depicting scenes from the Easter Story, the procession would slowly step to the music of rhythmical drum-beats. There was an atmosphere of strong religious fervour and many of those in the watching crowds seemed deeply moved.

We paid a visit to one of the principal universities which had been patronised in its day by Ferdinand and Isabella—an impressive building which seemed to symbolize centuries of Spanish learning.

Our visit to a bull-fight naturally made a most memorable impression. Most of us had seen pictures or heard of this odd Spanish entertainment, but none had experienced the actual atmosphere with matadors waving their red cloaks to infuriate the animals, the picadors exhibiting amazing equestrian skill when performing their stabbing display with garrochas and finally the toreros killing the bulls with their swords. The spectacle was certainly lacking in neither thrill nor horror and yet to the Spanish crowd it seemed quite as normal as a visit to the cinema.

We also entered a monastery outside Salamanca where we saw encased the heart and bones of St. Theresa, a sixteenth century nun of the Carmelite Order. The monastery itself was large, but very simply furnished, with bare benches and tables. Its walls, however, were colourfully painted with saints and ecclesiastical

notabilities. Outside the monastery we were surrounded by a group of children begging for money. A couple in our group, seemingly interested in biology, offered a peseta for each spider gathered. In a short while all the children in the village surrounded us with beseeching cries for coins, but with very few spiders in exchange.

Our contacts with Spanish students were many and pleasant. They would go with us to a bull-fight, show us around the town, play table-tennis and magnanimously let us win, displaying a cordiality which we very much appreciated.

Our short stay in Spain could only give us a few impressions and glimpses of the country and her people. Notwithstanding the fact that we stayed in the more prosperous parts of Spain, poverty seemed to abound everywhere. Dingy little houses and ill-clad children at most street corners begging for money impressed us most strongly. People generally seemed intensely religious, although freedom of worship was hardly tolerated, for the only Protestant Church we saw had bars on its doors. On the other hand there appeared to be no rationing and the shops were full of goods for those who could afford to buy them. Beggars were unpleasantly frequent and pictures of General Franco were to be seen everywhere.

Spanish courtesy is almost proverbial, and we had much experience of this during the holiday. In the hostel where we resided, the doctor, students and maids were always ready to assist us. Everywhere we travelled, the people gave us a sincere welcome, which we much appreciated.

Our thanks are due to Mr. McNair for the superintending care and interest he took in our journey, which contributed so considerably to the success of our holiday.

J. M. DEANER.

CONTRIBUTIONS

SOME FURTHER NOTES OF REGRET ON THE PASSING OF THE THREEHA'PENNY 'BUS FARE

"Once upon a time there used to be a quaint old 'bus-fare called a 'threeha'penny'," he was saying as he walked on his way to the West End, while a nostalgic tear trickled over his wrinkles. The little boy stared at him, credulously.

"Oh, granpa', you must be old."

I can imagine this touching tale being told some years hence when time will have healed the ragged gash in our pockets, torn by the recent untimely end of the threeha'penny. No more can we take our time as "threeha'penny, please" rolls rhythmically and familiarly off our tongues. Instead we are forced to ask abruptly and ambiguously for "two, please." "Two what? Two to Tally-Ho? Two to Tooting?" But "that's a five." Oh, the confusion!

"Tuppenny, please" sounds vaguely uneducated, and in this age of speed it is a sign of slow-wittedness to say 'tuppenny' when the coldly efficient 'two' can be substituted.

No more can we produce triumphantly the threepenny piece that would book us a seat for two to Henly's. Now we have to fight our way into our pockets to search feverishly for that elusive extra penny, only for our hand to emerge with the half-crown that we thought was a penny, while breathless and defeated we regret our lack of change. This leaves the conductor (who also regrets our lack of change) directing a silent stream of invective towards us, and ourselves fidgeting and embarrassed, awaiting the mint of coppers to be heaped into our palms.

However, the threeha'penny has not disappeared altogether as those of us who are young enough (and a few who are not) will know. If we are at the age of childhood or have not attained the maturity of our eighteenth birthday, we may still ask meekly for our half-fare, possibly by producing with a triumphant, and occasionally guilty, flourish the grubby piece of dirty white card which magically rejuvenates us to our under-fourteen years. But we cannot remain at the convenient age of seventeen years eleven months forever, whilst our chins grow progressively greyer (or bluer) each week. When our eighteenth birthday arrives we must delve deeper into our fathers' pockets and bear the full brunt of the adult 'bus-fare.

But surely we can bear it, for although our threeha'penny 'bus-fare is now denied us, there remains yet our threeha'penny newspaper.

(With apologies to R.A.G.)

J. P. SIMONS.

LINES ON AN AGNOSTIC, FINDING HIMSELF IN HEAVEN

Behold the secrets of his soul laid bare;
No longer can he force his mind to work
The controversial circles, so unknown
To those who taught him all he ever knew.
His faith in all his own ideas is smashed:
The times he spoke against "The Living God,"
The arguments he had with those who held
That only one as now before him stood
Could make a planet, star or universe.
But now the truth of Christ in all his might
Comes crashing through his wondering mind as lightning
Sears a hollow tree trunk, driving home
The truths he could not see, or understand.

L. J. CLARK, *Ts.*

THE CLOSED DOOR

Comprehend, all men,
Events which never happened.
Understand wisely
The unintelligible.

Then you will succeed
Beyond all measure.
There will be open to you
The doors of mystery,
Which remain closed
To those who are less fortunate
And know no more
What is true and certain,
And therefore worthless—
Worthless to all who are striving.
And to all who aspire,
Advancement in wisdom.

Try and prepare, then,
To solve the mysteries
Of unreality and distant future
And grasp with courage
What no man divines.

H. J. COHN.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

(or "*Johannesburg*")

The Cassowary is a brevi-pinnate
Bird, which
Means that it has short wings and therefore
Is flightless.

It
Is the second largest bird, (after
The Ostrich).

The head of the Cassowary
Is protected
By a sort of
Horn.

Its inner toe is very long and
Powerful and it runs
Very
Fast.

The Cassowary eats insects and
Comes from the forests of Australia and New
Guinea, and islands nearby
From which we get
Tapioca.

F. J. KENT.

ODE TO AN ARACHNOLOGIST

This is the tale of someone new,
Who studied spiders and philology too
From Emerald Isle to rubbish dump.
He hunts for bugs with his bicycle pump.
His Biology 6th were his only reliance,
To go "*Browsing Among the Words of Science.*"
His Latin phrases are often stated,
Except when participles are unrelated.
Of his walking stick he used to swank,
But now it props open the dogfish tank.
His spider hunting really is unique,
Pedalling across fields on his bike antique.
The study of plants he cannot bear
He takes more pleasure in spiders rare.
His knowledge of memories is very wide,
Which has the sixth form severely tried.
As he walks homeward to catch his train,
There flits unceasingly through his brain
Words of wisdom and thoughts so dear, of bugs
And beetles, and even, of us, his boys, we fear.

ANON.

THE TRIUMPHAL MARCH

Black shoes, grey trousers,
Black shoes, black coats.
We stand together, waiting.
Patiently waiting; the black shoes Shuffling over the asphalt.
This is the way to the Dining Hall.
Around the corner.
What can you see?
Thirty forms, six hundred chairs,
One thousand knives, one thousand forks, nine hundred spoons.
Tons of meat, pounds of greens,
A hundred-weight of potatoes.
Forty masters, ten prefects,
The vice-captain and the Charity monitor, the Fives player.
Who is first?

First the prefects, next the sixth form.
 Now the excuses, now the pleading.
 Here come the maids bearing the dinner.
 "Lend me a ticket . . ."
 "You can't push in . . ."
 "Are you privileged . . .?"
 "What form are you . . .?"
 "I get in easily on Fridays when it's Corps . . ."
 Black shoes, grey trousers,
 Black shoes, black coats.
 We start together waiting.
 Now the door, now the entry . . .
 We're in.

D. J. LEVERTON.

VOTING DAY

In they come,
 Short men, tall men, round men, thin men:
 Men with little caps and men with cases.
 Men with umbrellas and men with bowlers
 Worried men, hurried men, mean men, lean men,
 Fat men, batmen, beery men, bleary men
 All to vote.

In they come,
 Walking, talking, hazily, lazily,
 Briskly, breezily, saggingly, laggingly,
 Wildly, mildly, vivaciously, pugnaciously,
 In lounge-suits and boilersuits, uniforms and pinstripes,
 Old men, bold men, red-nosed men and red-eyed men
 Still they come.

In they come,
 Women with shopping bags, unwashed-looking old hags.
 Toothless, ruthless, tattered, battered,
 Always talking, always walking, the females come:
 Brightly dressed, unsightly dressed, blonde and redhead
 Catty, chatty, voluble, inscrutable
 Still they come.

At last they stop
 The bad men, the drab men, the just-a-trifle-mad men,
 The brash men, the rash men, the perpetually having-to-dash men;
 The unmarried ladies, the unharried ladies,
 The formidable ones, the formless ones,
 The forceful and the gormless ones,
 All have gone.

C. P. LONG.

THE SWORD

The yellow, greenish strands
Of "torta," wave and sway,
Entice and reach and splay
While firm in gritty sands.

The arrow-headed fan
Spreads, lithe and copper-gold,
Behind the rusty, old
Groved cryptocoryne.

The slimy rocks and stones,
Each mantled in grey weed,
Stand, guard the tetra seed,
By ornamental cones.

What hides the spiral leaves?
What guards the granite grey?
What lies beneath decay,
The shroud that death conceives?

The grace and skill are lost
From man's made world of glass,
From nature's mess of grass;
Where man has nature crossed.

The sword that never killed,
The sword that never bled,
Lies in the "ferniss" bed,
Now pale and curled and skilled.

His metal now is dim
His tempered form is cold
His dart no longer bold
Or clean, sure, swift and trim.

The sword no longer thrusts
Through yellow crepe and sheen
Or wrinkled brown and green
But in his death cloak rusts.

Before whom "platys" fled,
Characins, Firemouths cowed,
To whom the Angels bowed;
This prince of fish is dead.

J.W.R.

TELEVISION

Find some money, husband please,
Regret not this decision;
The neighbours look askance at us,
We must have *TELEVISION!*

The set arrives to our great joy,
And we forget our meal,
There'll be no fish and chips tonight
Instead there is "Newsreel."

There is no preparation done,
No maths nor physics fine,
Although we have no fire built up
It's time for "What's my Line?"

Who is that schoolboy on the screen?
He's fat and owlish faced,
Billy Bunter is his name,
And forty-six his waist.

And so in nineteen-fifty-two
Instead of feeling gay,
We sit in our perpetual gloom,
And watch the *CATHODE RAY!*

B. COLLOMBIN.

THE YOUNG MAN

The sun was shining mercilessly down upon the dry dusty earth, and upon a small group of workmen who were busy filling up a hole in the ground.

A young man was leaning on his shovel, looking pensively across the expansive parched meadows with scrawny cows that were chewing aimlessly and switching the flies off their bodies with their restless tails.

A crushing blow struck him in the ribs. O'Hara, the burly foreman, had only moved his elbow a few inches, but years of man-handling had made his timing perfect. Young Sarasen knew that thrust. It numbed you, but to any onlooker it looked harmless.

"Knocked off?" O'Hara thundered in a roar that would have shamed a bull.

The boy began to fork the clay, his eyes on his work.

"Are you deaf?" O'Hara bawled.

"I do my work as best I can," he answered.

O'Hara spat contemptuously. He was a big man, in his forties, built like a barrel, his scarred face was florid from too much drinking. The cement-hard knuckles at the end of his long arms made him look like a gorilla. He was a man to be left alone.

Indignation and shame welled up in the boy's heart. Why should he shut up like a clam and say nothing when injustices were heaped upon him.

"You lay off me" Sarasen burst out.

"What's got into you?"

"I'm telling you to keep your hands to yourself," Sarasen said. His jaw had set in an ugly fashion, and there was a dangerous glint in his eye.

"You're telling me what?"

"You heard."

O'Hara stepped closer. The camp stopped work suddenly as if by signal. All was still.

"Why you—!" but stopped short suddenly, for he grunted as a blow from the boy struck him in the ribs, and before he could collect himself, Sarasen sent a punishing right cracking into his jaw.

O'Hara came back from the blow fighting, before he knew the fight had started. The labourers gathered round as the foreman drove the boy back with savage blows towards a ditch. Sarasen fought by instinct, for he was no boxer. On the other hand O'Hara knew that he must finish the fight off quickly, for he was taking no chances with a boy like this one, of two hundred pounds and rising to six feet. O'Hara was using all his wily tricks that experience had brought him; he clinched with the boy and kicked him hard on his ankle, and then brought his knee up to his stomach with a savage, breathtaking lunge. But the boy was strong, and twenty years younger than the foreman; what he lacked in experience he made up for in stamina, and was soon driving back the older man.

O'Hara looked bad now. His face had taken on a grey hue, and his movements were now sluggish compared with Sarasen's who was landing three punches for every one of O'Hara's.

The foreman had taken enough punishment for three men, but still he fought back gamely, waiting for an opportune moment when Sarasen would leave himself open to a final punch. His opportunity came, and he put all his weight, and strength into a great swing which would have felled a horse.

The young man halted abruptly in his tracks, while O'Hara rained punch upon punch upon the defenceless youth. Sarasen was unconscious on his feet, as if by a miracle he would not go down despite O'Hara's efforts. The foreman grabbed Sarasen

by the neck, and punched again; this proved too much for the youth, his knees buckled, and he crashed upon the ground.

O'Hara aimed a kick at his head, and then put a shoulder underneath him and lifted him up head-high. Sarasen was thrown like an empty sack, into a hole which still had to be filled up.

The men recommenced working.

O'Hara looked up, a very tired man; his eyes challenging the labourers—his spirit still unquenched!

J. RIDGE, *Ts.*

A SHORT STORY

Jack was chewing gum violently in the back of the car when it pulled up with a sudden jerk. Two masked men spoke through the window, "Come on out, Mr. Jackson, quickly now!"

They had not noticed 17 year old Jack, for they were too busy with Mr. Jackson, who was an important government official. They took him away and Jack took from the dashboard an automatic gun. Running after the three men, he saw them go down a steep path cut in the cliff. Scrambling down, he was just in time to see the three men vanish into a cave.

Unluckily, as Jack scrambled down the last yards, his foot slipped, and kicked a stone.

The men rushed out, and grabbing Jack tied him up, and threw him down by his father. They went away.

About an hour later they returned and said, "Alright Jackson, as you won't give us the secret weapon, we shall arrange an 'accident,' but first your son will go over."

Hauling Jack to his feet, they pushed him over the cliff.

Down, down, down, down . . .

Bump! Jack got up from the floor of his bedroom, remade the bed, and climbed in.

Well, what can you expect, after seeing a cowboy film, and having a lobster supper afterwards!

I. C. SMART, *Is.*

ON EATING

Most people eat; it has been a regular habit with the human race for some time. However, as eating has become almost as commonplace an occurrence as breathing, the interest derived from it must come from some source other than the actual ingestion of food.

Let us consider the reasons why so many people eat with such monotonous regularity. Biology books inform us that the human

body, like a machine, needs constant refuelling. So, we eat our food in order that we may obtain sufficient strength to exist until we wish to eat again. That is the normal attitude of an Englishman to his meals. On the other hand, a foreigner, say an Italian or a Frenchman, regards his meals in a totally different light. He sits down at a table, fully prepared to enjoy his meal, and expecting to take perhaps an hour over it. First comes an aperitif and then the various courses which he consumes with obvious enjoyment, often at the expense of table manners, but nevertheless with great relish. What a contrast is the typical British diner! He hurries into the room, sits down hastily, and then rushes through his meal. If it is breakfast, he will probably wedge his bacon between two slices of bread, and rush out of the house without another word. Breakfast is, perhaps, a British peculiarity, but a very similar argument might apply to dinner. The Englishman assembles his family around him and they eat their meal with (usually) perfect manners and no external sign of relish.

The foreigner appreciates his food and likes to tell somebody. So, an elaborate grace is said before and after meals to thank God for what he has given to the family in question.

Every generalisation has its exceptions. The Indian fakir goes without food for weeks, but he is not normal. On the other hand, there does exist that type, only too well-known to many of us, who insists upon remarking at every other bite about the excellence or otherwise of the food. In so doing, he displays to the person sitting directly opposite to him just what the said comestible looks like when it enters his stomach. He enjoys his food, but his fellows do not.

That mention of the stomach brings me to another point. Do our lower selves really appreciate everything that is thrust upon them? One is forced to admit that a certain amount of selfishness is prevalent. How monotonous it must be for our stomachs to be presented, at regular intervals, with multi-coloured slimes. We do at least see our food as pleasant looking items; we have the power of discrimination, but not our stomachs—oh no. How thoughtless we are as well. Foods of absolute extremes are hurled down below, the action being quite devoid of any thought for the frantic classification that must take place.

As we seem to have found much more against eating than for it, and as we do consider ourselves superior to those food favouring foreigners, let us break away from the habit. Let the law be passed that will ban eating.

Will I lead the campaign? Of course not! L. J. CLARK, *Ts.*

“ST. JOAN”

by

George Bernard Shaw

CAST

CAPTAIN ROBERT DE BEAUDRICOURT	M. A. Lincoln
A STEWARD	M. R. Weatherley
BERTRAND DE POULENGY	B. B. Taylor
JOAN	P. M. Oppenheimer
THE ARCHBISHOP OF RHEIMS	M. J. Ive
THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN, MGR. DE LA TREMOUILLE	R. N. Milligan
GILLES DE RAIS (Blue-beard)	F. I. West
CAPTAIN LA HIRE	G. Rogers
THE DAUPHIN, LATER CHARLES VII	G. B. Binding
DUNOIS, THE BASTARD OF ORLEANS	J. T. Farrand
RICHARD BEAUCHAMP, EARL OF WARWICK	D. A. Harling
JOHN DE STOGUMBER	M. Lipton
MONSEIGNEUR CAUCHON, BISHOP OF BEAUVAIS	M. A. Phillips
THE INQUISITOR	M. J. Lewis
CANON JOHN D'ESTIVET	L. J. Clark
MASTER DE COURCELLES, CANON OF PARIS	M. J. Pringle
MARTIN LADVENU	A. L. Barton
EXECUTIONER	L. D. Brockbank
THE SOLDIER	M. Sarner
THE GENTLEMAN	R. E. Jefford
PAGES, COURTIER, MEN-AT-ARMS AND SOLDIERS	L. G. Beddison, J. R. Irwin, N. R. Read, V. J. Mathias, G. H. Arnold, M. J. Vane, M. J. Bragg, A. C. Langmead R. D. Coult- hard, S. G. Theodorou, K. A. Thompson, P. A. Doherty, M. Tappin, D. H. Lincoln.

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One of the most impressive things about this very fine production was the way in which everybody on the stage seemed personally involved in the action and aware of the issues at stake. The excellence of the acting came from thorough understanding of the play and not from empty gesture and practised inflections of voice. In no scene was this more apparent than in the “Inquisition” scene; M. J. Lewis made the long speech his own and A. L. Barton acted Ladvenu with great sincerity. Only once, in

an important place, did a character seem somewhat imperceptive. D. A. Harling, as Warwick, after an excellent beginning, did not seem to realise how much depended on him in the scene which takes place during the burning and did not, at this point, play his part with sufficient concentration.

Perhaps the two main difficulties that had to be overcome were the smallness of the stage and the casting of St. Joan. The stage was used most cleverly. In the main, one significant piece of scenery was introduced and we were given a glimpse of a backcloth so that there was an impression of space. In the scene in the Cathedral, for example, the pillar served two purposes; it let us know where we were and it broke up the rather semi-circular grouping of characters which the smallness of the stage inflicts on the producer. Such inspired economy prevented any cramped feeling and the grouping was so arranged that it was surprising, at the final curtain, to find how many characters had been introduced without the stage at any point seeming over-crowded.

P. M. Oppenheimer's portrayal of St. Joan was excellent. The most that could have been reasonably expected from a boy in this part was a clear voice and a firm carriage. Oppenheimer gave us that, but he did much more. He brought out the simplicity of Joan and acted throughout with assurance and often with subtlety. It is a tribute to his performance that his final words, quietly and naturally spoken, were most moving.

But, accomplished as Oppenheimer's acting was, he was never called upon to "carry" the play. The better the supporting characters, the better Joan's personality came across. In the first scene, for example, and when talking to the Archbishop she was not perhaps so impressive as when she was talking to the Dauphin, most competently played by G. B. Binding, and to Cauchon. In this part M. A. Phillips used well a fine voice, and he had a dignity of bearing and an authority of presence which could hardly have been bettered. M. A. Lipton made a brave attempt at an impossible part. In satirizing the Englishman, Shaw calls upon de Stogumber to say things which are, so to speak, out of character. For the Englishman assumes a superiority which he does not need to state explicitly. Moreover, the sudden change in his character is crudely written and would tax a very experienced actor. Lipton did well in the part and if he was not always convincing it must be remembered that nobody had a more difficult task.

There were some very good smaller parts. J. T. Farrand was a good straightforward Dunois, L. D. Brockbank made something of a part which could have gone unnoticed, and M. J. Pringle gave de Courcelles that rather unpleasant nervousness the part requires. In Scene 1, M. A. Lincoln gave a bold interpretation of the bombastic Beaudricourt, though he did not appear always to be thinking about his words; B. B. Taylor as Poulengy, though somewhat

slight, was notable for his sincerity and clearness of diction, while M. R. Weatherley made a fair attempt at the Steward but should have given him a broader treatment. The Archbishop of Rheims, M. J. Ive, lacked something of the voice and dignity for the part, but spoke his lines with a good will and achieved a certain poise. R. N. Milligan succeeded in getting a personality across, though whether it was exactly that of La Tremouille is perhaps debatable. F. I. West as Bluebeard, G. Rogers as La Hire, and L. J. Clark as d'Estivet were very adequate in their roles, while each of the various pages made something distinctive of his. The non-speaking characters played their parts with concentration, especially noteworthy being the Court Ladies for their restrained and elegant bearing. R. E. Jefford as the Gentleman and M. Sarner as the Soldier played their parts with distinction in the final scene. This scene can be tedious and even embarrassing, but in this production the audience was genuinely moved when the characters kneeled one by one. This section of the play was tactfully contrived with fine attention to detail; the lighting was well considered, and the slight change in the voice of the Dauphin and the toning down of the Soldier's exuberance ensured that there was no irrelevant emotion.

Those who did not appear did their work most efficiently, and if they have not been mentioned at length it is because we have come to accept as normal from them a standard which would be cause for eulogy of others less gifted and enthusiastic. D.R.W.

II

Five-thirty! It is not due to start for another two hours yet. I am sitting eating a meal for which I have no appetite. Oh! how can these others be so cheerful, when there are only another two hours to go? I am silently sitting here listening to their cheerful chatter, while the cold fingers of fear are running up and down my spine.

Six o'clock! It is due to start in an hour and a half. I am changing from my usual, everyday, conventional dress to these ridiculous garments in which I feel so stupid. How is it that these others are so happy, when there is only an hour and a half to go? I am silently changing and watching their light-hearted fooling with those clothes they look so fine in, while my teeth are audibly chattering and a cold sweat glistens on my brow.

Six-thirty! Only an hour now till it is due to start. I am changed and waiting in this cold room with nothing to do. Why didn't I bring a book, like the others? Why are they so calm, with only an hour to go? I just sit and watch them placidly read, while my nerves give me many a fit of frenzied trembling.

Seven o'clock! In half an hour, only thirty short minutes, it will start. Now I am being prepared for it: a man is pushing and poking my face, another is busy rubbing a repulsive smelling and hideously coloured liquid into my hands and yet another powders me. No room for worry under this treatment. But now they have finished, and worry returns to me. Not to the others though, how could it, when they have never worried?

Seven-thirty! It has started! Only a very short while now till I must go and—but I can not bear even to think of that. Some of the others are going through it now. They went off blithely to face—what I too must face. But I shan't go blithely.

Steps in the corridor, my heart flutters and another fit of trembling seizes me. The door opens: "Bastard," yells the newcomer, then he hustles me off down freezing corridors, and at the end leaves me to wait in the cold in mental torment. But not for long, now he drags me up some creaking steps and, behind some curtains he again leaves me to wait in intellectual agony. Again not for long: a clanking figure rushes past me, music starts, and a harsh emotionless whisper in my ear says:—"Now!" and it has begun.

I push through the curtains and, wearily looking about me, I take four slow paces forward, I wearily turn about, and I take three equally slow paces back again, then I turn to the front and wearily I say: "West wind—west wind—west wind"

Ten minutes or so later I yell: "For God and Saint Dennis," and stumble back through the curtains and down the creaking step I can feel the sweat running on my face and I know that I have flushed bright red, but what do I care—my worry is over, I have done my bit, and it was easy. Jubilantly I re-enter the changing rooms, and it is only now that I notice that the others, those who have not as yet performed, are sitting quietly with strained expressions on their faces. So I decide to do my best to cheer them up. "A good audience," I tell them, "they keep absolutely quiet, and they actually laughed at my joke. Joan could hardly move in her armour, and my Page nearly got caught in the cotton that works the wind. Only three prompts, and once I jumped my cue"

Yes, my worry merely consisted of a pack of troubles that never happened. Our School production of Shaw's *Saint Joan* was a great success and I thoroughly enjoyed my part in it.

J.T.F.



Full Cast

PIRATES OF PENZANCE

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Principal Characters

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MAJOR GENERAL STANLEY		R. E. Jefford
THE PIRATE KING		R. Keevil
SAMUEL (his Lieutenant)		I. S. R. White
FREDERICK (the Pirate Apprentice)		H. R. Farrington
SERGEANT OF POLICE.		J. Browning
GENERAL STANLEY'S DAUGHTERS:		
MABEL		I. H. Clifford & D. P. Gilby
EDITH		A. J. Sluce
KATE		P. D. Lewis
ISABEL		I. D. Irving
RUTH (Pirate maid of all work)		M. F. Neale
CHORUS OF PIRATES AND POLICE	{ Messrs. Browning, Bothwell, Campbell, Moody, West, Jefferies, O'Brien, Mannsbridge, Phillips, Johnson, Wells, Wright, Jones, D. A., Sarner, Beales, Weatherley, Pringle, M. J.	
CHORUS OF GENERAL STANLEY'S DAUGHTERS	{ Clifford, Irving, Shorn, Drewry, Ellacott, Lewis, Walker, D.J., Ogden, Sluce, Fuller, Gilby, Gleeson, Long, Woodford, Scofield, Martin, Betts, Boon, Darby, Ebel, St. John, Goldstone, Friedman, Cattle.	

BACKSTAGE

PRODUCER		J. G. White, Esq.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR		Dr. E. McLellan
STAGE MANAGER		W. A. Nicholas, Esq.
ASSISTANTS		M. Beaman & I. H. Beach
COSTUMES SUPERVISED BY		J. A. Craig, Esq.
SCENERY CONSTRUCTION, MAKE-UP, DANCES		J. W. Lear, Esq.
PROPERTIES CONSTRUCTION		G. C. Hickman, Esq.
SCENERY PAINTED BY.		P. O. Jefferies
ASSISTED BY		F. I. West & D. J. Birn
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF		R. Keevil, Esq.
MAKE-UP ASSISTANTS		G. C. Hickman, Esq., H. Warren, Esq. & others
ELECTRICIANS		C. A. Lang, E. R. Bastin, M. L. James, N. D. Hatfield
PROMPTER		L. G. Beddison
CALL-BOY		R. J. Goldthorpe
PROGRAMME COVER DESIGNER		N. A. Parker
PROGRAMMES PRINTED BY	A. G. E. Burgess, A. S. Goldstein, D. W. Grimes, S. Ovis	

ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR: Dr. E. McLellan

1st Violins .	J. Crowther, <i>Leader</i> ; M. Clench, I. Buckingham, D. Downing
2nd Violins .	B. Haines, M. Busse, C. Perkins, B. Barber, I. Keen, J. Fairn
Violas .	A. Butler, H. Rice, G. Ingram
Cellos .	O. Boughton, M. Whitehead
Double Bass .	L. Davis
Flute .	H. New
Oboe .	P. Craen
Clarinet .	T. Clark, J. Lowe
Bassoon .	A. Butler
Horns .	A. Way, J. Weiss
Trumpet .	J. Arregger
Trombones .	J. Bowsher, R. Woodland
Timpani and Percussion .	D. Harling, A. Barton
Pianoforte .	J. Routley
Librarian .	M. Lincoln

Continuing the policy of producing a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in the Spring Term it was decided this year to present the *Pirates of Penzance* and the Society entered into the venture with enthusiasm so that after a term's labour, Mr. White and Dr. McLellan were able to present an enjoyable version of the opera.

There are always, of course, limitations on such a piece when produced by a School Society, but once one has accepted these as inevitable, for instance, the size of the female chorus and leading ladies, or the somewhat immature villainy on the faces of the pirates, one can sit back and revel in wittily composed music and rhyme which, if taken in the spirit in which it was originally offered, need not fear too much the carping of highbrows.

Next then to the opera.

Major-General Stanley was played and sung most competently and enthusiastically by R. E. Jefford who was obviously very much at ease. In fact it might almost be suggested that because of his complete confidence, he indulged in a tendency to unbend a little too much. Mr. Keevil, in a part to which he was admirably suited, both as an actor and singer, brought solidity and richness to the Pirate King and gave an excellent performance of villainy which was gleeful, sardonic and menacing at appropriate times.

His Lieutenant Samuel was rendered very well indeed by I. S. R. White who has developed a voice both strong and pleasing.

The Rev. H. E. Farrington struggled valiantly with the notoriously difficult part of the Apprentice Frederick.

A note of delightfully ponderous anxiety for the safety of his skin was introduced to the part of the Sergeant of Police by Mr. J. Browning who set a fine example to his constables. This example was, unhappily, not followed too well by one or two members of

the police with the result that their appearances on the stage threatened to degenerate into mere buffoonery both in acting and singing.

Of the principal daughters I. H. Clifford and D. P. Gilby sang Mabel on alternate nights and though the latter showed improvement during the performance both gave capable renderings of the part. P. D. Lewis, I. D. Irving and A. J. Sluce introduced considerable charm and sweetness into the parts of Kate, Isabel and Edith. Sluce sang rather quietly but made up for this by really excellent coquetry in his acting. M. F. Neale played Ruth exceedingly well and made it quite clear that she did not intend to die a spinster. Here again the difficulty encountered in this part by a boy with a changing voice—almost broken completely—was more than overcome by very intelligent acting.

The two main choruses were very well trained indeed.

The Pirates—reinforced by members of the School Staff—sang strongly and well whilst their movements were executed in good co-ordination at all times.

The chorus of daughters, though handicapped by size, presented charm both in sound and spectacle and performed their simple dance movements with a delicacy that suggested very painstaking instruction and observation.

Tribute must be given to the many who worked hard unseen to make the production a success. The make-up was well applied and came triumphantly through front-row inspection whilst the work of scenery construction and painting was much more than merely adequate. The pleasure of attending the opera was completed by a well-balanced orchestra under the direction of Dr. E. A. McLellan.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions: Albanian, Askean, Aldenham School Magazine, Bancroftian, Bedan, Berkhamstedian, Blue (Christ's Hospital), Brightonian, Caterham School Magazine, City of London School Magazine, Edmundian, Elizabethan, Elthamian, Exonian, Fettesian, Georgian, Haberdashers' Aske's Acton School Magazine, Heriotes, Kings College School Magazine, Laxtonian, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Olavian, Pelican, Portcullis, St. Dunstan's College Chronicle, Sulian, Taylorian, Totnesian.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

This term the library has continued to be used for private study, and this has thrown a heavier burden on the librarians, who have, with School duties, often been unable to spend sufficient time in the library.

The year's round of checking returns, new-books and general tidying has been carried out effectively if not always punctually. There are unfortunately many members of the School who believe in using the library without seeing that their books are noted on their card, but sterner measures and more frequent checkings will solve this problem, which arose on an attempt to evade the payment of fines on overdue books.

As this is my last term as librarian I should like to end by thanking the other librarians D. A. Jones, J. M. Newton, G. B. Binding, B. F. Hunter, M. O. Newton and the assistants who have worked usefully 'behind the scenes'—Oeters and Crossick. I must also thank Mr. Sanderson for his help and advice at all times, especially during the earlier part of the School year.

B. W. R. BENNETT, *Librarian*.

SCIENCE LIBRARY

Very good use has been made of the Science Library during the Winter and Spring Terms. It is disappointing, however, to notice that there are still boys who unofficially 'borrow' books and never return them.

Additions to the Library include:—

Purchased:—

<i>A Textbook of Quantitative Analysis</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Vogel
<i>A Textbook of Qualitative Analysis</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Vogel
<i>A New Dictionary of Chemistry</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Miall
<i>History of the Phlogiston Theory</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	White
<i>Organic Chemistry</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Durrant
<i>Surface Chemistry</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Alex
<i>Physical Chemistry</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mel
<i>The Life of Vertebrates</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Young
<i>Elementary Genetics</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	George
<i>Flies of the British Isles</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Colyer
<i>Mind at Work and Play</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bartlett
<i>Autobiography of R. A. Millikan</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Millikan
<i>Rockets and Jets</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Way
<i>Properties of Matter</i>	...	...	...	...	...	Champion and Davey	
<i>Wave Motion and Sound</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stephens
<i>Nuclear Radiation Physics</i>	...	...	...	...	...	Lapp and Andrews	

Presented:—

<i>Differential and Integral Calculus</i> —Courant	...	...	...	...	G. B. Jones and J. H. Cooper
<i>A Textbook of Practical Botany</i> —Leach	...	...	...	...	D. Kenward
<i>Plane Trigonometry</i> —Brown	...	...	...	...	K. Beynon, Esq.
<i>Trigonometry</i> —Page	...	...	...	...	K. Beynon, Esq.
<i>Practical Geometry and Graphics</i> —Low	...	...	...	...	K. Beynon, Esq.

The Assistant Librarians, Cook, Silvey, Keen and Verbov have been continually helpful in the running of the library, and Mr. Savory has rendered constant help and guidance.

S. OVIS, *Science Librarian.*

BOOK REVIEWS

Book: "THE KON-TIKI EXPEDITION."

Author: Thor Heyerdahl.

Publisher: Allen and Unwin. *Price:* 12/6d.

This is a truly exciting adventure story, about a daring voyage made by the author and five companions, on board a balsa raft, from the coast of Peru to Polynesia.

Thor Heyerdahl was certain that the original Polynesians had come by sea from South America, and to prove that such a voyage was possible at that remote period, he and his companions built the Kon-Tiki—an exact replica of the Inca balsa rafts then used—and embarked on it.

The voyage began along the coast of Peru and ended in the Pacific Islands. It was a 4,300 mile journey and took 101 days. After a dangerous voyage the party reached some islands where the Kon-Tiki was wrecked on a coral reef.

This story is packed tight with unusual and interesting happenings. These include a meeting with a whale shark, the largest known fish in the world.

The many difficulties encountered before the wood for the raft was obtained provide just one of the many vivid descriptions in the book. The courage, friendship, humour and scientific observations of the companions all help to make this story a really splendid one.

Finally, it should be mentioned that there are a number of illustrations in the book which help the reader to gain an actual impression of life aboard the Kon-Tiki.

J. L. VERBOV, *6b Sc.*

Book: "BROWSING AMONG WORDS OF SCIENCE."

Author: Theodore H. Savory, M.A., F.Z.S.

Publisher: C. A. Watts & Co. Ltd. ("*A Thrift Book.*"). *Price:* 1/-.

One could not wish for a more penetrating analysis of many of the *Words of Science* than T. H. Savory gives in his book. The words display the rich harvest of years of experience as an arachnologist and also as a philologist.

T. H. Savory has written many fascinating and successful books concerned with Arachnology (*The Natural History of Spiders*) and is universally acknowledged as an authority on this science. His latest volume though not concerned with Arachnology constitutes an Odyssey of much charm and delight.

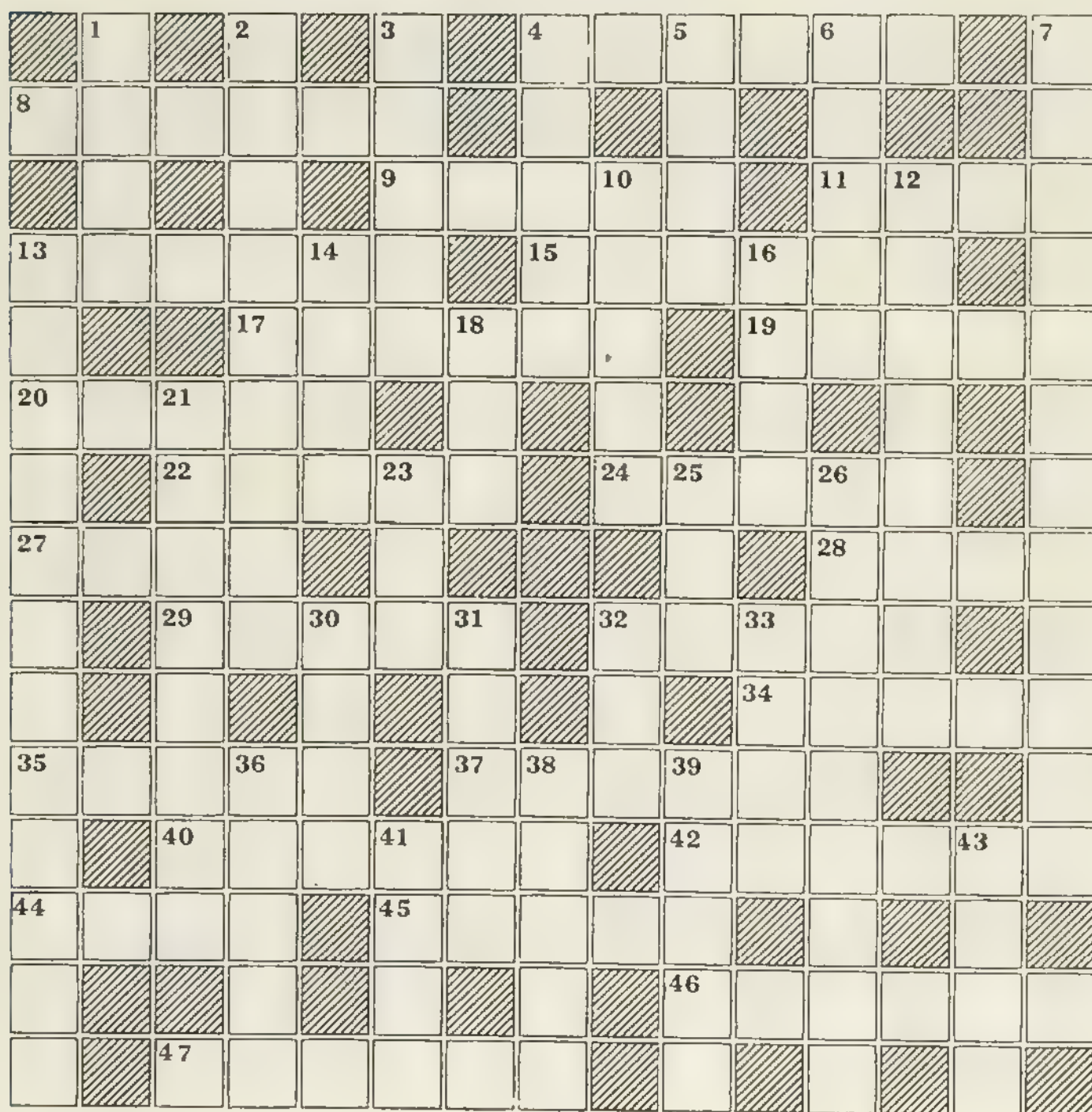
The author is to be congratulated on the production of a book so learned and fascinating. This book which is thoroughly sound and interesting must be one of the best of its kind, not merely for the mastery of his subject the author displays but especially for the cultural elegance of his style. *Browsing Among Words of Science* is divided into a number of distinct sections which include among others a section on Biological Words and another on Chemical Words. This book is at a price which all can afford and I hope will acquire in the near future.

J. L. VERBOV, *6b Sc.*

QUIZ COMPETITION

- General.* i. "Who goes home?" is a phrase that has come down to us through the ages, and it is shouted when (a) the Stock Exchange closes, (b) the House of Commons rises, (c) it is the end of term at Harrow?
- ii. (a) What is the Upper House of the U.S. Congress called?
(b) How many members has it?
- Art.* iii. Who painted the following pictures?—Mona Lisa; The Blue Boy; The Laughing Cavalier.
- English Literature.* iv. Who wrote the following novels?—Of Human Bondage; A Room with a View; Mr. Britling Sees it Through.
- Geography.* v. State approximately where the following islands are situated:—Faroes; Leeward Islands; Andaman Islands.
- History.* vi. What decisive battle added Canada to the British Empire?

CROSSWORD



- Music.* vii. All these men are famous in musical history, but what are their respective nationalities?—(a) Sibelius; (b) Paderewski; (c) Sousa; (d) Delius; (e) Liszt.
- Biology.* viii. For what is Karl Linnaeus famous?
ix. What is meant by "Symbiosis"?
- Chemistry.* x. How would you distinguish between quick lime, slaked lime and chalk?
xi. Distinguish between effervescence and efflorescence.
- Mathematics.* xii. What number divided by 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 will always give a remainder of 1?
xiii. What mathematical relation is there between the number 4 and (a) 16, (b) $\frac{1}{4}$, (c) 0.6021?
- Physics.* xiv. What causes rainbows?
xv. What causes a mirage on the desert or at sea?

J. L. VERBOV, 6b Sc.

The answers to this Quiz Competition will be published in our next issue.

CLUES ACROSS

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| 4. Groom. | 28. 15th March. |
| 8. Fragment. | 29. Anaesthetic. |
| 9. Confine. | 32. Classify. |
| 11. Nomad. | 34. Platform of rock. |
| 13. Case. | 35. Wrong. |
| 15. Scrimmage. | 37. Comet. |
| 17. Thoroughfare. | 40. Dog. |
| 19. Essence. | 42. Decorations. |
| 20. Gossip. | 44. Atom. |
| 22. Passing of time. | 45. Cosmetic. |
| 24. Guide. | 46. Famous Mathematician. |
| 27. Condensation. | 47. Appearance. |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Timetable. | 21. Mental doctor. |
| 2. Colleague. | 23. Envisage. |
| 3. Sore. | 25. Sailor. |
| 4. Speak. | 26. Padded coverlet. |
| 5. Hints. | 30. Headless ghost. |
| 6. Praise. | 31. Lover of Shakespeare. |
| 7. City Company. | 32. Violin String. |
| 10. Silencers. | 33. Bitter herb. |
| 12. Delayed. | 36. Scorches. |
| 13. Boiling of water. | 38. Burst out. |
| 14. Pace. | 39. Rectify. |
| 16. Disposal. | 41. Faithful. |
| 18. Before. | 43. Animal. |

Compiled by J. RIDGE:

The solution to the Crossword will be published in our next issue.

SHORT CUTS TO ARITHMETIC

"*Multiplication is vexation . . .*"—Old nursery rhyme.

The word arithmetic for many people conjures up the picture of a classroom with an irate master in charge, attempting to elucidate the mysteries of "pi" or other such fearsome symbols.

This article is dedicated to the more advanced members of the classroom, in the hope that they will be able to astonish the master by giving him the square of 8.5 without writing anything down.

Short cut No. 1. shows how you can multiply mentally any two numbers between 10 and 20. The first digit will always be 1, so it can be ignored. The first operation is to *add* the two remaining digits together, then multiply your answer by 10, and add 100. After this simple effort, *multiply* these same digits together, and add the result to your sum. The result gives you the final answer.

Example: To multiply 18 by 16.

a.	8 plus 6 =	14	
	multiply by 10 =	140	
	add 100 =	240	
b.	8 x 6 =	48	
	Total	288	Answer.

This may appear rather complicated at first, but after one or two attempts, you will find it a simple mental process. Try it and see!

Short cut No. 2. to find the square of any 2-figure number ending in 5, irrespective of a decimal point. This time, we ignore the 5, and multiply the other number by itself plus 1. Then *add* the numbers 25 to your answer. The decimal point can be placed by inspection.

Example: 8.5 times 8.5

a. 8 times 9 = 72

b. add 25 = 7225. Answer. (*adjusted to 72.25*).

Similarly, 65 x 65 is 6 times 7—add 25 = 4225.

It is as simple as that!

There are several other "short cuts," but they are too long to be included here. Apart from the saving of paper, and the liability to error which paper-work entails, the above processes are well worth memorising.

J. RIDGE, *Ts.*

COMBINED CADET FORCE

BASIC SECTION

The largest intake of recruits since before the War, 119 cadets, provided a Basic Section of four platoons. These are at present being trained by C.S.M. Lumsden and 16 N.C.Os from the Army Section, in preparation for the examination for Part 1 of Certificate "A." Already they show signs of being well up to the high standard of previous Basic Sections; and all have undergone instruction in shooting on the miniature range, many qualifying as 1st class shots. If our recruits maintain their present rate of progress, the Senior Sections of the C.C.F. may be assured of a first class intake of cadets when promotion to the R.N., Army and R.A.F. Sections takes place.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The R.N. Section has again been divided into two watches. The Port Watch has consisted of those cadets training for L/S and P.O. examinations as well as those more senior cadets who have already passed: the Starboard watch has been made up of those cadets who entered the section in the summer.

Weekly training has been augmented by two Field Days spent at Portsmouth. In the first, the Unit was conducted round H.M.S. Dolphin where films were shown and an inspection of one of H.M. Submarines carried out. Later in the day there followed a visit to H.M.S. *Vernon* where, amongst other things, frogmen were seen training. During the Spring Term a visit to H.M.S. *Hornet* was arranged but an intended trip to sea in an M.T.B. was not possible because all boats were away on N.A.T.O. exercises.

During the past two terms six cadets have attended Naval Aviation Courses at Lee-on-Solent and Braincote where air trips and visits to the various ground facilities were arranged.

The beginning of the Summer Term saw the institution of a quarter-deck, and the Colours were hoisted for the first time in the presence of the entire Contingent on Friday, 9th May. A short while previously a 20 ft. Gig, recently allocated to the Unit, was launched on the Welsh Harp and will shortly be available for training purposes.

Promotions: To Acting Petty Officer, L/S Herzog, L/S Palmer.
To L/S, A/B Bennett.
To Acting L/S, A/B Marino, Pangalos, White.
To A/B, D. S. Baker, Dyche, Reader, Shipley.

Decrease in Strength: Acting P.O. Newton.
Acting L/S White.
O.S Harling, Hewson.

The unit was very distressed to learn of the death of Petty Officer Palmer during the Easter Holiday. He had recently been given the task of looking after the Signals equipment and his sense

of responsibility in this capacity and his quiet but confident manner of instruction will be greatly missed. The unit wishes to convey its sympathy to Palmer's parents in their great loss.

ARMY SECTION

The Army Section consists of two platoons training for Certificate "A" Part II, a Signals Platoon and a team of N.C.Os for instructional and specialist tasks. From the Signals Platoon five N.C.Os have gained the Assistant Instructor's Certificate, while the remainder of the Platoon is training for the Classification examination. The Band, which has grown to a strength of 20, has improved greatly since its formation just over a year ago, and has enlivened both Field Days this year helping considerably in the Company's marching.

Promotions: To C.S.M., Sgt. Lumsden.
To Sgt., L/Sgts. Cullingford, Maconachie, Morrison.
To L/Sgt., Cpls. Read, Shiells, Silvey.
To Cpl., L/Cpls. Allwright, Barrow, Binding, Breedon, Downing, Honey, Hunter, Nash, Newton, Perkins, Pollock, Ridge, Robbins, Sandifer.
To L/Cpl., Cadets Bennet, Burren, Cloote, Field, Harris, Parker, Rogers, Skrimshire.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

With a strength of forty-six cadets at the commencement of the autumn term, almost equally divided between proficient cadets and new recruits, it became necessary to arrange four training groups, and to overflow from the hut into the main school. The autumn term was mainly devoted to the usual preparations for the Proficiency paper and our first attempt at the new Advanced Training tests. The growth of the unit has also necessitated a double programme on recent Field Days, and on 26th October, a party of thirty went a long coach ride to Stradishall in Suffolk, where an interesting programme had been arranged. Flying was unfortunately severely curtailed when we found that we had once again chosen the one bad day in a generally fine period. The remainder of the unit visited Northolt Airport and proceeded after lunch to Uxbridge, where the .303 range had been made available. The term ended with a "Grand Competition" and a display of P.F.B. films.

The unusually fine and mild weather throughout the winter has enabled us to take regular outdoor exercise on Friday afternoons, and opportunity has been taken to prospect for future N.C.Os among the senior cadets. The Spring term saw the continuation of normal training, and much hard work was done. It was decided to put the recruits in for the March Proficiency examination, and the result was largely successful, as twenty-one out of twenty-five cadets passed the written paper, six of them with credit. On 21st March one part of the unit visited Odiham, where they

were pleased to meet F/O Spiers, and the other part went to Redhill, where after much delay a fair amount of flying was ultimately obtained.

Gliding has once again been much to the fore, and with the active co-operation of No. 125 Gliding School, Langley, to whom we are much indebted, there has been a steady stream of cadets taking the week-end courses with the very satisfactory results indicated below.

It was possible once again to find a sufficient number of cadets willing to attend an Easter camp, and on 10th April a party of twenty-two set off for Cranwell, where an enjoyable week was spent in most remarkable weather. A varied programme had been arranged, and included a tour of the R.A.F. College, visits to the two ranges, a whole day "evasion" exercise—more a test of map reading and stamina than anything else—swimming, and the usual instructional periods. The party was airborne in Ansons and Prentices, and most cadets became acquainted at extraordinarily close quarters with a well-known holiday camp, and with most of the coastline from the Wash to the Humber. The accommodation with its attendant amenities verged on the luxurious, and the general opinion was that the camp, if not reaching the heights of Chivenor and Hullavington, was nevertheless full of interest and profitable enjoyment.

Promotions: Sgt. J. U. M. Smith to be Flight Sergeant; Cpls. D. Beck, M. S. Cook to be Sergeants; L/Cdts. M. J. Keen, J. A. Mathews, D. N. Spatcher to be Corporals (20/9/51). Cpl. Keen to be Sergeant, L/Cdt. B. G. Brown to be Corporal (9/1/52). L/Cdts. M. Beaman, P. D. Jarman, R. B. Jones to be Corporals (31/3/52).

Decrease in Strength: Cpl. J. A. Mathews (30/9/51); Sgt. V. A. Barker (31/3/52),

Proficiency Certificate: (2/12/51) Cdt. E. R. Bastin; (17/3/52) Cdts. A. Beck, C. Bryant, J. B. Clark, H. E. Couch, N. C. Dolton, D. T. Dyson, D. J. Fulluck, F. L. Gardner, M. C. Ginn (c), N. J. Godman, P. J. Hedges, A. P. Hughes (c), J. C. Lord (c), E. J. O'Brien (c), W. D. M. Oeters (c), N. R. Read, P. E. Secker, G. F. W. Smith, C. W. Turner (c), M. V. Walker. A. E. F. Wilkinson.

(c)—Pass with credit.

Gliding: "B" Certificate, No. 125 G. S., Langley; Cpl. Beaman (27/1/52) Sgt. Barker, Cpl. Jarman, L/Cdt. Ginn (16/3/52).

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT

Under the conscientious leadership of D. A. Jones and the direction of Mr. Barling the working party spent its time very usefully during the Autumn Term keeping the front lawn cut, the flower beds clean and planted with bulbs and wallflowers, and accumulations of waste paper and dead leaves swept and cleared. Good work was also done in the trimming of the hedge and the preparation of two garden plots for Spring sowing. Amongst the workers Long has been outstanding for quiet industry and keenness, and some who have failed, as yet, to appreciate both the

purpose and ideals of the S.S.U. might profitably learn from his example and do something to atone for past slackness.

The Spring Term was spent, as the weather allowed, clearing and marking out the field in preparation for the House and other games, maintaining the tidiness of the grounds as a whole, and latterly in planting early potatoes which it is hoped will yield a bountiful harvest for the school kitchen next term.

The Civics Group under the guidance of Mr. Browning has covered a fair amount of ground. In view of the impending General Election a start was made on Central Government covering the history of Parliament, its election to power, constitution, function and procedure. This was supplemented by visits to the House of Lords and Commons and two film strips on the "History of Parliament" and "The Franchise." The next topic was Law, and the group dealt with the evolution and present function of both our Civil and Criminal legal systems, illustrated by two talks from a visiting speaker, visits to the Royal Courts of Justice and the Central Criminal Court, and a film on "Criminal Justice."

The Group making a study of Human Relations has increased in size. Interesting papers, notably that of Simons, read by the various members, have been followed by keen general discussions.

On Field Day visits were made to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, to the works of the *News Chronicle* and *Star*, to the Exhibition at the Royal Academy of paintings and drawings of Leonardo da Vinci, and to Kew Gardens.

Other projects have been in connection with Canoe Building, Weaving and Woodwork, and these should be completed before the end of the Summer Term. The Printing Department has performed valuable service in the production of programmes for the *Pirates of Penzance* and the Swimming Sports.

The boys taking a First Aid Course under the general direction of Mr. Campbell, assisted in the practical work by four senior S.S.U. members who hope eventually to take the British Red Cross Society's Instructor's Certificate, again received much useful guidance from Mrs. Christofas of the Westminster Branch of the B.R.C.S. and were given a number of lectures by our new school doctor, Dr. Kennedy. In the examinations for British Red Cross First Aid Certificates at the end of the Autumn and Spring Terms the following boys were successful:—

1st Year (Elementary) Certificate: (7/12/51) Boost, Duke, Fisch, Gennis, Grimes, Haverfield, Levene, Miller, Neal, Sarnier, Thompson; (28/3/52) Attenborough, Hall, McInnes.

2nd Year (Advanced) Certificate: (7/12/51) Benghiat; (28/3/52) Jefford, Jones, Parker, Simons.

Proficiency Badge: (7/12/51) Coulthard, Freeman, Ovis.

Increase in Strength: McInnes, J. O.; McInnes, E.; Verbov, Skwara, Waldwan, Harling, Littauer, Shorn, Cedar, Holland, Edelman.

Decrease in Strength: Section Leader Green, Borin, and Ruben.

J.W.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

BIOLOGY SOCIETY

The year's programme started with a General Meeting, at which S. Ovis was elected Chairman for the current year. The syllabus adopted was slightly different from that of previous years, and included the showing of 12 Sound films, and attendance at three Sectional Meetings of the London Natural History Society. In addition Mr. Savory gave a light-hearted and comprehensive address on "Stone Implements," and M. S. Cook gave a fine address on "Radio-active Isotopes as applied to Biology." These were followed next term by papers read by J. C. Lord on "Migration," and by J. L. Verbov on "Frederick Bantin—his life and work." At the Social held in March, the Chairman gave the Annual Address, and this was followed by a Chaplin comedy film.

In addition to these film meetings, much work has been undertaken in the Laboratory, in the General Biology, Museum and Entomology and Photographic Sections. The usual maintenance and experimental work was carried on by the Sections, and the newest museum display technique, the embedding of specimens in plastic, has been perfected.

On behalf of the Society, I should like to thank A. J. Skrimshire who has projected our films, and Mr. Savory, whose advice and help have been so valuable to the Society.

M. M. R. FREEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

CAMERA CLUB

Mr. Allsopp's departure has been a great loss to the Club, but fortunately the Club has been able to secure the services of Mr. Smith, and on the Club's behalf I welcome him as our new President.

It will be noticed that the name of the Photographic Circle has been changed, by popular vote, to the Camera Club.

The long awaited enlarger has arrived and many members have been able to do their own enlarging during lunch-breaks and after school.

It is hoped that at our Annual Exhibition on Commendation Day the standard of prints will be higher than in previous years, as more members have been able to do their own enlarging.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Smith for the help and encouragement he has given the Club. Also I would thank Mr. Payne, who gave us permission to hold our meetings in the science block.

J. A. ROSE, *Hon. Sec.*

CANOE CLUB

The Canoe Club is by no means a completely new School activity; in fact it is a revival of an older organisation which came to grief during the war years when materials were in short supply (and opportunities were non-existent). But under the skilful and guiding hands of our chairman, Mr. J. W. Dudderidge, the club has been completely reformed.

The aims of the Club are to foster and promote the sport of canoeing throughout the School. Our first major success was the affiliation of the club to the British Canoe Union, the foster parent of all canoeing clubs in Britain. A varied and interesting programme of events has been planned, ranging from lectures on canoe building to competitive racing. An excellent film evening was held when Club members saw the official films of the British Canoe Union's 1948 Glen Albyn Scottish Tour (a route first pioneered by Mr. Dudderidge in the 1930's) and an instructional film on 'kayaking in sea surf.'

A party of boys attended an instructional course at Bisham Abbey to learn the elementaries of canoe handling while more daring members took part in a 5 day cruise down the Avon, the river chosen by the B.C.U. for their Easter meet at Stratford.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster on behalf of the Club for accepting the Presidency and to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Dudderidge who has devoted so much of his valuable time to re-forming the Club.

M. P. KIMBER, *Hon. Sec.*

CANOE CLUB EASTER EXPEDITIONS

BISHAM ABBEY TRAINING COURSE

At the beginning of the Easter holiday and within a few days of the disappearance of snow, a party of twenty boys attended a course in canoe handling at Bisham Abbey, Marlow. Owing to the wet condition of the meadow it was decided to sleep indoors, and arrangements were made for the whole party to stay at the Henley Youth Hostel, the Warden of which made everyone very welcome. During the course the members were given basic training in handling their craft on land and water, and the strong flow from melting snow in the Cotswolds made it possible to teach the mysteries of the "Ferry Glide", an important fast water skill.

EASTER CRUISE ON THE AVON

Over the Easter weekend a party of sixteen from the School took part in the Easter Cruise of the British Canoe Union, the story of which is given below by M. P. Kimber, the Secretary of the Club:—

"Thursday was market day in Stratford, a strange town of Tudor houses, Americans and modern theatres, and throughout the day the inhabitants gazed with curiosity on strangely dressed men and women, bowed down with heavy packs, pushing cigar shaped objects to the banks of the Avon. Stratford was the assembly point for canoeists from all parts of the country who were to take part in a five day cruise down river to Tewkesbury at the junction with the Severn.

The School Club was well represented by sixteen of its members some of whom had paddled up from London by the Grand Union Canal to Leamington where it crosses the Avon, and then down that river to Stratford. Tents were pitched and canoes assembled in a meadow below the Mill, and after supper most of the School contingent spent a pleasant evening at the Memorial Theatre where they enjoyed a fine performance of *Coriolanus*. Also during that first evening a B.B.C. Recording Unit arrived to get a story on the Meet, and this ten minute item was given pride of place in the Saturday night Sports Review from Midland Region. After disposing of the B.B.C., Mr. Dudderidge, a prominent member of the party, was besieged by Press reporters and photographers, and we were promised a picture in *The Times*. This picture duly appeared the following Monday, and most of the canoeists shown belong to the School.

Friday's paddling was good fun, a fierce headwind bringing the water of this muddy river into choppy waves which set the canoes tumbling and dipping. The scenery of the Avon is not very exciting, but Binton village was rather fascinating with its low stone bridge covered with moss and lichen, and the cottages clustered on the high banks in delightful disorder. Below Binton came the first fright for many of us, a weir: anyone who values his boat and cargo makes a portage at a weir, but many take a chance and 'shoot' it. This first weir being in poor condition and littered by trunks of trees washed down in the floods, was portaged by many, but a few went over it, including Cloote, who holed his canoe and had to get out the repair kit. In a few miles we came to the junction with the River Arrow and made our way up it for a mile to our camp site. This river, winding and narrow, was running very fast and in some parts the canoes had to be towed, a wet, muddy but exciting experience, and everyone arrived safely. Here our party was increased by three late arrivals who had come down from Rugby nearly fifty miles higher up. As one of them had been a member of the cast for the *Pirates of Penzance*, the camp was soon echoing with lusty piratical choruses.

Saturday brought more weirs and our party was always well in the van for "shooting", so that a technique was soon developed as follows:—'Manoeuvre into position as slow as possible, paddle and shoot the weir as fast as possible, dabble for a moment in the

boil at the foot and then paddle for the bank at top speed to repair the damage before sinking.'

Evesham was reached by Saturday lunch time, the canoes were tied up and the crews went ashore to lay in stores. Evesham extended a friendly welcome to the mud stained strangers who appeared in such dangerous looking craft, and some people were, rather disconcertingly sympathetic. Below Evesham we camped in an orchard, the owner of which was most hospitable, providing washing facilities and a large airing cupboard to dry out the clothes of those who came to grief on the mighty Fladbury weir, a weir with very fast water and an eight foot drop. On Sunday, we paddled around the base of Bredon Hill, a majestic rise of land crowned with an earthwork and the ruins of a tower, and it was in sight of this landmark that our tents arose for the last time. The following day we ran into Tewkesbury, the last stages of the journey being enlivened by a storm which lashed down on us in mid-stream. Undaunted we paddled on and revelled in the large washes of motor boats speeding downstream. By the town bridge we packed up and brought to a close an enthralling trip in which excitement, fun and comradeship had been abundant!"

Other expeditions are being planned.

J.W.D.

CHESS

Our programme since the last issue of THE SKYLARK has been so crowded that there is room only for the briefest record. It seems most convenient to classify the events in three categories.

(1) MATCHES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS

The last match recorded in the Autumn issue was then still subject to an adjudicator's decision; this has now been given against us, and the revised result is therefore given below.

1951.

November 8th. v. The City of London School (Home) Seniors.

Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$. 8 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 3, drew on 3, lost on 2.

November 16th. v. Willesden County School (Away) Seniors.

Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. 8 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 5, drew on 1, lost on 2.

December 17th. v. Kilburn Grammar School (Away) Seniors.

Won $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. 8 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 6, drew on 1, lost on 1.

1952.

February 21st. v. Tollington School (Home) 6 Seniors and 6 Juniors.

*Won $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. 12 boards. H.A.H.S. Seniors won on 5, drew on 1.
H.A.H.S. Juniors won on 5, lost on 1.*

March 7th. v. The William Ellis School (Away) 6 Seniors, 6 Juniors.

Won $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$. 12 boards. H.A.H.S. Seniors won on 2, lost on 4.

H.A.H.S. Juniors won on 4, drew on 1, lost on 1.

March 14th. v. St. Dunstan's College (Home) Seniors.

Won 5—3. 8 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 5, lost on 3.

March 17th. v. Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet (Away) Seniors.

Won 5—3. 8 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 2, drew on 6.

March 31st. v. Willesden County School (Home) Seniors.

Won 6—0. 6 boards. H.A.H.S. won on 6.



EASTER CANOE CRUISE ON THE RIVER AVON

By courtesy of "The Times"



BROADCAST TO AMERICA

A. M. PHILLIPS and M. LIPTON with ROONEY PELLETIER of the B.B.C.

SUMMARY

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
<i>Matches</i>	8	8	0	0
<i>Games</i>	70	43	13	14

(2) MATCHES IN THE NATIONAL CHESS CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP (NO AGE LIMIT) 6 BOARDS

(When games are equal, the match goes to the team scoring the lower number of points, the first board counting one point to the winner, and the sixth board six, etc.).

1951.

December 29th. (1st Round) v. (Lensbury) Chess Club at Shell Mex House.

*Games 3—3. Won by 7 points—14. H.A.H.S. won on 1st, 2nd and 4th.
Lost on 3rd, 5th and 6th.*

1952.

January 10th (2nd Round) v. Twickenham Chess Club at Home.

*Games 3—3. Won by 9 points—12. H.A.H.S. won on 2nd, 3rd and 4th.
Lost on 1st, 5th and 6th.*

February 28th. (3rd Round) v. Athenaeum "A" at the "Gambit" Restaurant.

*Games 4½—1½. Lost. H.A.H.S. won on 1st, drew on 3rd.
Lost on 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th.*

(3) SIMULTANEOUS DISPLAYS (HOME)

1951.

November 19th. v. J. A. Fuller, Esq.

20 boards (5 Staff, 1 Old Boy, 14 Boys).

Lost 1½—18½. H.A.H.S. drew on 3 boards, lost on 17.

December 10th. v. J. Stone, Esq.

16 boards (4 Staff, 1 Old Boy, 11 Boys).

Lost 3½—12½. H.A.H.S. won on 3, drew on 1, lost on 12.

1952.

February 8th. v. C. N. O'D. Alexander, Esq.

15 boards (1 Staff, 14 Boys).

Lost 0—15. H.A.H.S. lost on all.

The scores for the individual members of the team in all the above matches were as follows:—

	<i>Average Board</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
Farrand, J. T.	1	15	10	3	2
Hall, A.	2.4	14	8	3	3
O'Brien, E. J.	2.6	13	6	4	3
Pollock, J. N.	3.7	14	7	3	4
Cohn, H. J.	4.7	14	9	1	4
Fine, L. S.	5.7	12	4	2	6
Lipton, M.	6.6	10	9	1	0
Wheal, G. T.	7.3	11	8	2	1
Curtis, D. W.	8	6	3	1	2

Green, Eldridge, Deaner, Mushin and Fisk have also played for the School.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES AND GAMES

All the matches and games for the two terms of the whole winter season may be summarised thus.

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>
<i>Matches</i>	16	15	0	1
<i>Games</i>	124	78	19	27

Heartiest congratulations on these excellent results are due to all members of the team.

J. T. Farrand was placed 7th in the British Boys' Championship held at Hastings during the Easter holidays. At the time of going to press he has reached the final all-play-all-pool of the Middlesex Major Championship; in the third and fourth rounds of the qualifying tournament he beat N. A. Macleod, runner-up in the recent Scottish Championship, and Bruce Hayden, who came third in the London Championship. Farrand is also to be congratulated on his win against V. Wahltuch, another very strong player, in the first match v. Athenaeum Chess Club, on the top board.

At the moment of going to press, it is hoped that during the summer term, School Chess will not be in so complete a state of aestivation as has hitherto been the case.

In the name of the club I should like to offer our thanks once more to the Headmaster, to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bothwell, Mr. and Mrs. Searle and Miss Savill and all the kitchen staff, as well as to A. Hall, the Captain, and J. T. Farrand, the Secretary. A.W.G.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Union was fortunate during the Spring Term in that it was visited by a number of good speakers. These included the Rev. Basil Huett, W. Kerr and W. A. MacDonald, and Messrs. H. Holder and Roy Cattell. The Union was perhaps a little less successful when left to its own devices but during discussions many interesting ideas have been expressed and most members seem to be gaining an understanding of the Faith. All show a deep love for the Lord and a concern for those who do not yet know Him.

During the Summer Term it is hoped to have several good speakers but the activities of the Union will inevitably be a little curtailed by exams. Among the speakers we hope to hear are Rev. R. Boyd, the Secretary of the S.C.M., Rev. F. G. Healey, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of England, and Sister Margaret Laws of the National Childrens' Home.

It is good to see that a small group are meeting daily for prayer at 12.35 and more would be welcome. We would like to see more Christians from lower down in the school as at present the meeting consists mainly of Sixth Formers.

If you are a Christian or are interested in knowing something of Christian Fellowship come along. You will be very welcome.

A. G. E. BURGESS.

DEBATING SOCIETY

At the beginning of the Autumn Term the previous complex Standing Orders were replaced by a far simpler set.

Early in the Autumn the House agreed to a motion moved by Mr. Lipton "That the present rate of re-armament is excessive." This was a good debate. At the next meeting the House voted "That it would welcome the return of a Conservative government." Mr. Sarner read a paper "What is Life?" to the contents of which the House disagreed. The House has also debated the Pope's statement on abortion, the length of the Christmas Recess, the depraving effect of good schools and the Budget. Recently it has tackled the female prerogative of proposal in Leap Year and the existence of Trades Unions.

The inter-schools debate which was shared by members of the Acton Haberdashers and the City of London School is worthy of special mention as good debates were held on the English climate and the rival merits of the cinema and the church as ways of spending Sunday.

The House has recently sustained a great loss in the departure of Mr. Green who was instrumental in founding the Society and who served it long as Clerk of the House. The House has sent him a message thanking him for his services. Thanks are also due to Messrs. Burgess and Bennett and those who have acted as Deputies to the Officers.

The poor attendance at many debates has been discouraging but we are glad to see that it is now improving. It is hoped that many more members of the Upper School will take part in the Society's future activities. An example of the minutes of one of our meetings is appended below:—

The House met at six of the clock, the Leader of the House in the chair.

Moved: That this House approves of the English Climate.

Miss Streaton (*Haberdashers' Acton Girls' School*) said that in considering a motion of this import it was necessary to consult a reliable authority and accordingly consulted Dr. Johnson. In the variability lay its charm. The sun-glass and umbrella trades profit from the variability of weather. It is evident that the variability of weather is ordered by a person with a sense of humour. The good weather in Summer gave the Englishman an opportunity to keep out of mischief by playing cricket and bad weather in Winter kept plumbers off the dole.

Mr. Fox (*City of London School*) rose to lend his support and encouragement to the motion since it was so palpably in need of both. He considered how bucked the Almighty would be if this House approved the weather, although the Almighty had probably never heard of the H.A.H.S. He also envisaged the pleasure of the

sub-Angel, Umbriel. Miss Lane (*Acton*) said she was an admirer of optimism but she seemed to remember that due to certain climatic vicissitudes the poet Keats died of tuberculosis.

Mr. Morrison (*H.A.H.S.*), whilst being in favour of Scottish weather was vigorously opposed to English weather, alleging that it was meteorological misfortune that the English Climate had recently invaded Scotland and made possible the defeat of the Scottish by South-African rugby football teams.

Mr. Lipton (*H.A.H.S.*) deplored the narrow nationalism of the preceding speech. He hinted darkly at the prejudicing of the Election Result by the weather.

Mr. Green (*H.A.H.S.*) maintained that the weather was the Englishman's genius comparable with that of the Romans for legislation, and that of the Classical Greeks for Science which led to the invention of Hero's steam engine.

Miss Adams (*Acton*) contested a previous speaker's remarks about the fickleness of the weather, pointing out the English weather could be predicted with absolute certainty. It would be, she said, fifty degrees and pouring with rain.

Mr. Chirrup (*City of London*) cast his mind back to a recent article in the *Picture Post* where it was alleged that a certain Mr. Dodsworth controlled the English weather from a flat in Knightsbridge. This, declared Mr. Chirrup, was untrue and that the weather was in fact controlled by himself from a house in Edgware.
Question: Whether the Resolution shall be agreed to?

The House divided CONTENTS 43, NOT-CONTENTS 15.
Resolved in the affirmative and Resolution agreed to accordingly.

A. G. EDWARD BURGESS, *Speaker*.
RAY A. GREEN, *Clerk of the House*.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The programmes during the Spring Term were devoted to performances of all the recorded symphonies of Beethoven, Dvorak, Elgar, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky; other works, by such composers as Brahms, Schubert, Bruckner, Haydn and Vaughan-Williams were also performed. Yet attendances were not particularly stimulating, especially when the lesser known works of the quoted composers were included in a programme. Too frequently the 'Music Society Member' refuses to attend a meeting on the grounds that he has never heard the work before; or even, sometimes, because, although he knew 'Beethoven had written the fifth symphony, which he liked very much, he doubted if Beethoven could write anything more tuneful!' Those who are prepared to listen to the less popular works, (which generally, if

not always, are better music than their more celebrated brothers) are reminded never to dismiss a newly heard work on one, or even five hearings; a failing which is all too frequent among members. The test of any composition, whether in musical or written language, is the number of audits or perusals it will bear, without becoming stale.

As has already been emphasised our audiences have often been comparatively small. It should be remembered that we lost a large section of our senior support at the beginning of the year, although this is not the only reason for decline in support. The obvious source from which to expect a large number of patrons, has remained ominously dormant—I refer to the Modern Sixth. If this position continues, it does not augur well for the future of a Society which was able to exist, at one time solely by the patronage of the Modern Sixth.

An exhibition under the title of "Music and Drama" has been introduced into the Music Room. It is to be hoped that this project will receive the support which it deserves, throughout the coming terms.

The names which occur in this paragraph deserve far more credit than most members realise, for they are the heart and soul of the Society. I am extremely obliged to the Hampstead Music Library (without whose assistance none of our meetings could be arranged) for the unfailing resources of their Record Department. The Society's assistant secretary, A. L. Barton, is deserving of our most sincere thanks for his painstaking and faithful support. To the Headmaster also am I greatly indebted for his concern and sympathetic co-operation. Finally and most deserving of all, may I acknowledge the work of our fountainhead, Dr. McLellan, who has lent his unfailing experience and support at all times; not even during the arduous period whilst he was producing *Pirates of Penzance* did he fail, a truly magnificent feat.

D. A. HARLING, *Hon. Sec.*

STAMP CLUB

This term saw the re-opening of the Club. At the beginning the membership list was not very long.

The highlight of the term was a film strip on the subject of "Stamp Errors," which was very instructive to those members who were present. But we must not forget the very informative lectures given to us by certain members of the club, including one by our president, Trott.

We were all deeply grieved at the death of his late Majesty, King George VI, who was the proud possessor of the most valuable collection in the world.

Finally, on behalf of the club, I would like to thank Mr. Richardson, who gave so much of his time to help and advise us.

B. E. HARRIS, *Hon. Sec.*

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

During the last two terms the Society saw—thanks to the co-operation of projectionist A. J. Skrimshire—eleven films dealing with a wide variety of interests: plant and insect life, fishing and forestry.

On the occasion of the annual Tea on 13th March (at which all appreciated the good fare provided by Miss Savill and her staff) we were to have heard a talk on Spiders by Mr. Savory, but he was unfortunately ill and away from School. Instead, members took part in a natural history 'quiz,' at which prizes were won by Heissig, Battson and Reeve.

Out of doors, a new activity has been a Duck Survey of the Brent Reservoir, undertaken by small parties of members who have paid regular visits on alternate Saturdays. Though the co-operation of more members would be welcomed, it is hoped enough will have been done to warrant publication of results at the exhibition of work next Commendation Day.

Other bird-watching expeditions were made during the winter to Staines Reservoirs, the Thames at Hammersmith, and Watford Sewage Farm. Sanction for this last was obtained for the Society by Mr. Small, who accompanied us; we are grateful to him for his continued help and guidance, as also to Mr. Payne for allowing us the facilities for our film shows.

A further programme of bird-watching expeditions has been planned for the Easter holidays.

J. LORD
D. A. BROWN } *Joint Hon. Secs.*

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

In my summing up of the year's activities, I am helped by a printed programme (for which I must thank A. G. E. Burgess and A. S. Goldstein) though its accuracy has dwindled through the months. This programme must be first on the new committee's agenda, for it is very much worth the time and trouble of printing each year. I hope it will be continued in future, and not scrapped as it was two or three years ago.

The structure of the Society was altered at the beginning of the year when, to quote the minutes, "the Physical, Chemical, and Electronic Groups of previous years were merged into one Group." This move has strengthened the Society a great deal. Membership was also extended to scientifically-minded fifth-formers amongst whom are some of our keenest members.

The programme this year has been full and varied though the attendance has been merely varied. The average attendance worked out to 29, but this figure would be rather lower without the Social; on our lists we have 58 members. We started the Autumn Term with the I.C.I. film, 'Discovery of a New Pigment,' and continued with lectures by D. Beck and S. S. Bleehen on 'The

First of the Miracle Drugs,' the story of penicillin, and 'Chromatography.' A fortnight later Dr. White gave us 'Phlogiston Theory,' a subject about which he has written a book, and for the electronics experts, bemoaning the disappearance of their Group, Mr. Harley-Carter of Messrs. Mullard Ltd., gave an illustrated lecture on 'The Cathode Ray Tube.' This was followed finally by M. Cook's talk on the beginning of radio, 'From Hertz to Marconi in One Easy Transmission.'

At our first meeting of the Spring Term we had well over fifty members: it was of course, the Social. Having thanked Miss Savill and her staff for our usual delightful tea, we crowded our way into the Physics Lecture Theatre to see Hollywood's 'Here Come the Co-eds' starring Abbott and Costello. The secretary himself took charge of the next meeting with a lecture and practical demonstration on 'Photochemistry,' and soon afterwards we were treated to a lecture from Dr. C. R. Bailey of University College London. He gave a talk on 'Science and War' which consisted mainly of amusing reminiscences of war-time sabotage, and was one of the most engaging speakers we have met for some time. Two films 'Turbo-jet Propulsion' and 'Light Control through Polarization' were shown a week later and then D. Beck gave us his impressions of 'Atomic Warfare.' We were pleased to welcome back Mr. H. L. Allsopp who introduced to the Society Mr. E. A. Lovell, O.B.E., a Principal Scientific Officer to the Air Ministry. He gave us an illustrated talk on 'Operational Research.' A. G. Ward closed the meetings for the term with 'Microchemistry,' in which we were again impressed with the size and ingenuity of his apparatus. Two visits were made: to E.M.I.'s works at Hayes, and to the E.L.M.A. exhibition at Savoy Hill. We look forward to the postponed visit to the Crookes' Laboratories next term.

I wish to end in the customary but no less sincere way of thanking Dr. White, Mr. Payne and Mr. Knight for their active support and helpful advice which has been greatly appreciated over the last two terms.

J. P. SIMONS, *Hon. Sec.*

SCHOOL PRESS

The main items of business for the School Press this year have been the programmes for *St. Joan*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and the Swimming Gala. Besides these, smaller jobs have been undertaken for various school societies.

Thanks are due to Mr. Dudderidge for allowing the School Press to be one of the activities of the S.S.U., as this allows us to spend more time printing than would otherwise be possible, and also provides a regular supply of assistants and apprentices.

Goldstein and Grimes have been regular printers throughout the year and I am thankful also for the help of Ovis and Bleehan who have assisted when the pressure of work mounted up.

The School Press next year will be in the hands of Barton, Grimes and Farrand; I hope that the Press will be as useful and successful next year as this, and that it will keep up the high standard for which it is known.

A. G. E. BURGESS.

SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Although they have not made a comprehensive survey of the Palace of Westminster, its institutions and customs, the senior members of the Society have made a more than perfunctory acquaintance with that Neo-Gothic pile and its idiosyncracies of organization and method. Indeed, I think there must be few members of the Society who have not at least visited the Palace. The last party to make a tour did so in the Christmas holidays, under the expert guidance of Mr. Campbell who also took the party around Westminster Abbey. Both Houses of Parliament have been visited in debate. On the 19th January, the Headmaster, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Browning and twelve members of the Society attended the debate in the House of Lords on the economic situation. The speakers included Lords Pakenham, Langton, Silkin, Strabolgi, Balfour of Burleigh, Viscount Swinton and Earl Wavell, who was making his maiden speech. In the Commons the Society was privileged to be present at a debate on Central African Federation, opened by the then Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr. Creech-Jones.

In the Easter Holidays a party toured Carreras factory at Mornington Crescent. Those who went saw the complete manufacturing process of Craven A cigarettes. All who went were impressed by the efficiency of the factory whose motto, displayed prominently throughout the works, "Efficiency Ebbs as Slackness Flows," Mr. Campbell suggested could well be hung in the Geography Room.

On behalf of the Society I express my thanks to Mr. Campbell who, in spite of his numerous commitments, has found time to take a great interest in the work of the Society.

M. ANTHONY PHILLIPS, *Hon. Sec.*

VALETE

DECEMBER, 1951

Vla Modern—QUARTERMAIN, R. E.
Vla Science—FREILICH, S., MATTHEWS, J. A.
VI b Modern—GATES, C. R.
Va—BROCKBANK, L. D.
Vb—ANDERSON, B., BARKER, V. A., MERRITT, M. A., TATLOR, B. B.
Vc—HEWSON, P. E., LISS, H., TYMMS, G. B.
IVa—HILL, D. A.

Lower School

IIIa—TIMMS, B. R.
IIIb—ELY, A. T.
IIc—DUNHAM, W. R.
Iib—BOSS, T. H., O'BYRNE, M.

APRIL, 1952

Vla Science—GREEN, R. A., PALMER, B. G. H. (*Died*).
Vib Modern—BORIN, A. J., RANDELL, O., RUBEN, C., WHITE, I. S. R.
Va—BURREN, K. R.
Vb—GILLESPIE, D. L., HUNTLEY, M. D., PARKER, B. N., PRIESTLEY, B. H.
IVa—SIMPSON, J. D. G.

Lower School

Ia—SLEVIN, C. V.
Ib—BURREN, P. W. R.

GREEN, R. A. (1945-52)—VIs Science. Hendersons. Sub-Prefect, Section Leader S.S.U. General Schools and Matriculation, 1948; Higher Schools and Inter B.Sc. (London), 1950. Hon Secretary Debating Society; School Chess Team; Mathematical, Music and Science Societies. £100 *Open Scholarship in Mathematics, Queen's College, Oxford*.

MATTHEWS, J. A. (1944-51)—VIs Science. Strouts. Sixth Form Privileges. General Schools and Matriculation, 1949; General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level with 1st M.B. exemption, 1951; Junior Boxing Team, 1945; First Tennis VI, 1951; C.C.F., R.A.F. section, Corporal; Cert. "A" Pt. I; Proficiency Pt. "B." Gliding Course "A" Cert., 1951; Science and Biological Societies; School Orchestra. *Entrance, Jesus College, Cambridge, 1951*.

BORIN, A. J. (1945-52)—Vib Modern. Strouts. General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level (Maths., English, Eng. Lit., French, History, Latin), 1951; Rugger First XV, 1951-52; First XXX Colours; Cricket, Second XI, 1951; First XXII Colours; Vice-Captain, Basket Ball, 1952; Boxing Team, 1947; S.S.U. Fireman's Certificate, 1950; R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, 1950.

BURREN, K. R. (1946-52)—Va. Russells. C.C.F., Army Section, L/Cpl. (Instr.); Cert. "A" Pts. I and II (War); Winner Recruit's Cup; Shooting VIII, Bisley, 1951; Digby Cup Winner, 1951; House Shooting Colours, 1951; Pirbright, 1951; North Cadbury, 1951; School Choir, 1946; Sociological Society. *Emigrated to Tasmania, 1952*.

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' CLUB

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Hon. Treasurer would appreciate early receipt of outstanding subscriptions. The current rates are as follows:—

Annual— 10s.

Five year— £2 2s.

£1 10s. for the first five years' membership by a
boy joining the Club on leaving School.

Life Membership—£7 7s.

It should be noted that only playing members of the Rugby Club are automatically members of the H.O.B.C. This does *not* apply to Honorary and non-playing members of the Rugby Club.

The above rates of subscription were fixed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club held at the School on 24th July, 1951, in order to relieve the yearly deficits which have brought the Club's finances to a serious position. Life members who entered the Club on the Three Guineas basis were asked to consider whether they might feel inclined to make a donation to the Club in view of the changed position since payment of their Life subscription and already the Hon. Treasurer has gratefully received a number of such donations.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1952-53

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Saturday, July 12th. *School v. Old Boys.* Cricket and Lawn Tennis Matches at Chase Lodge. Buffet Dance will follow in the pavilion at Elstree.

Thursday, October 2nd. *Annual General Meeting and Old Boys' Re-Union* at the School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7th. *Dinner-Dance* at Hendon Hall Hotel. Details and application form for tickets will be found enclosed with O.H. notes.

Saturday, December 6th. *School v. Old Boys' Rugby Matches* at Chase Lodge, 2.15 p.m.

Annual Rugby Club Dinner at Hendon Hall Hotel, 7 p.m.

1953

Saturday, February 7th. *Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club Annual Dinner* at the School, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

O.H. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President: S. E. PHILLIPS, Esq.

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Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN, 22, Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Mddx.

The Club opens the Season 1952-53 with every hope that it will prove a landmark in its progress. The new pitch directly in front of the pavilion should settle down into a first-class playing area for the First XV home games and also provide the extra pitch needed to enable six XV's to be placed in the field each Saturday. The pavilion extension, now completed together with the new bar, provides adequate facilities for visiting spectators as well as players to obtain tea after the game and further refreshments during the course of the evening. It is intended to improve the catering service and to hold more social functions in the pavilion now that these extra facilities are available.

For the negotiations with the London County Council which have enabled the Club to retain its ground despite the advent of a housing estate the Club owes a considerable debt to K. H. Blessley whose expert services over the past four years have alone made this possible. Few, even among the Committee itself, realise the enormous amount of work his efforts for the Club have involved. On the financial side the Rugby Football Union were fortunately able

to assist us with a loan to enable the new playing area to be levelled and drained.

The Club's gratitude for the pavilion extension which has already proved its worth is due to R. W. Diggins who designed the pavilion in the first place and gave much of his valuable time and his personal labour to help once again construct something worth while. Towards meeting the cost the £500 fund organised by S. H. Bean found a ready response among the members and it has the distinction of being the only fund organised by an O.H. Club promptly to reach its target figure. Finally a word should be said in appreciation of all those members who subscribed either in money or in work at the grounds towards the provision of a sports ground likely to be of lasting benefit to the Old Boys' Club as a whole. All that is now needed is increased support for the Club at the ground each Saturday from a larger number of O.H. supporters than grace our matches as a rule. The Club plays first-class rugger and attracts crowds of two or three thousand in the Provinces. Surely it is not expecting too much to hope for two or three hundred at Elstree.

From the list of figures at Elstree which appears below it will be seen that there are one or two newcomers this season. In addition to the home games, our visits to the West country this season include matches with Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Plymouth Albion, and Bridgwater. Both Cheltenham and Stroud will appear at Elstree.

New Captain of the Club is Roger Parker whose hooking has received recognition from Middlesex County who have many times selected him for the full County side. After seeing the Club through four difficult years from the playing point of view Arthur Spratt gives up the Captaincy and at the A.G.M. playing members presented him with a tankard suitably inscribed together with a volume recording the playing achievements of the Club under his leadership. A tankard was also presented to our retiring President, J. E. G. Moody, Esq., in recognition of his great services during the past two years of office. Another notable retirement was that of the Hon. Match Secretary, D. A. Blessley, after five years hard labour. *Si monumentum requiris . . . look at the fixture list!*

For the benefit of newcomers, visitors to Elstree are reminded that the ground is in Theobald Street, Borehamwood. L.M.R. train from St. Pancras or Cricklewood, etc., to Elstree. Turn right out of the Station and take first on left (Theobald Street). Ground six minutes walk on the right. Or by 141 Bus from Edgware or 107 from Barnet or 712, 713 Green Line from Golders Green or Hendon to the "Crown" Borehamwood. Turn up Theobald Street, adjoining. Admission to Ground is free; programmes are on sale.

FIXTURES 1952—53

Chief fixtures at Elstree in the coming season will be:—

1952	<i>September</i>	27	First XV	v.	Old Millhillians
	<i>October</i>	4	A XV	v.	Old Dunstonians A.
	"	11	First XV	v.	U.S. Chatham
	"	18	First XV	v.	K.C.S. Old Boys
	"	25	First XV	v.	Cheltenham
	<i>November</i>	1	A XV	v.	Old Rutlishians A.
	"	8	First XV	v.	St. Bart's Hospital
	"	15	A XV	v.	London Welsh A.
	"	22	First XV	v.	Old Cranleighans
	"	29	First XV	v.	Old Askeans
	<i>December</i>	6	First XV	v.	Sidcup
	"	13	A XV	v.	Old Paulines A.
	"	20	A XV	v.	Streatham A.
	"	27	A XV	v.	London Welsh A.
1953	<i>January</i>	3	First XV	v.	Old Alleynians
	"	10	A XV	v.	Saracens A.
	"	17	A XV	v.	U.C.S. Old Boys A.
	"	24	A XV	v.	Brighton Ex 1st.
	"	31	First XV	v.	Old Blues
	<i>February</i>	7	First XV	v.	Middlesex Hospital
	"	14	A XV	v.	R.N.C. Greenwich A.
	"	21	Ex A XV	v.	Ruislip A.
	<i>March</i>	7	First XV	v.	R.M.A. Sandhurst
	"	14	A XV	v.	London Hospital A.
	"	21	A XV	v.	Biggleswade
	"	28	A XV	v.	Old Whitgiftians A.
	<i>April</i>	11	First XV	v.	Stroud

SEASON 1951-52

Although First XV results were not convincing as regards the number of wins recorded a feature was the large number of close games and it could be claimed that at least some of these might equitably have ended in a win instead of defeat. The First XV record was:—

Played 31, Won 9, Drawn 5, Lost 17. Points for 210. Points Against 240. Close games against the Saracens, Metropolitan Police, Old Paulines and U.C.S. Old Boys' might easily have gone in our favour and defeat 6—8 by St. Thomas's Hospital only a few days before their Hospital Cup final was, in fact, one of the best games ever played at Elstree. Arthur Spratt, the Captain, was chief scorer, thanks largely to his accurate place-kicking and G. Goodall registered most tries. For once it could not be claimed that the strength of the side lay always with the forwards though the pack did play some excellent games and was seldom dominated by our opponents. But the outsiders gave a better account of themselves as the Season went on and B. S. Howard at fly-half and G. Goodall in the centre were outstanding. D. G. Kenward also proved his worth at full-back, his kicking improving with each game.

Once again there was a most successful tour in the West Country, the Club being narrowly defeated in a fine game at Bridgewater, beating Taunton and losing by the inevitable one score in a swamp at Wiveliscombe. Headquarters were at the George Hotel, Taunton and for the first time the entire party was car-borne, it was a most enjoyable Easter and one to be recommended to non-players who might care to stay with the party.

If the First XV's record showed a preponderance of defeats, that of the Club as a whole showed a good balance of wins in our favour thanks to the success of the A XV under Norman James, the Ex A under Kenneth Blessley and the C XV, where W. R. Tanner succeeded M. J. Jackman as Captain when the latter was restored to the First XV scrum to lend weight to the proceedings. The A and Ex A developed into first-rate sides, especially as regards back play, a hopeful sign for the future. Unfortunately K. H. Blessley's last Season as Captain of the Ex A will probably also be his last as a player, for a serious knee injury at the end of the season necessitated a lengthy visit to hospital, a poor reward for all his work for the Club since the War as player, captain, committee-man and ground negotiator-in-chief. Next season with an extra XV on which to draw for players the B and C XV's should be stronger still.

The Club's thanks are due once again to the Head Master and the School authorities for the training facilities and assistance provided and also to those few regular supporters at Elstree and their ladies who have helped in serving Teas and in making a successful evening of the end-of-season supper dance in the Pavilion.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

Captain: D. A. BLESSLEY, 7, Oakmead Gdns, The Hale, Edgware.

Hon. Secretary: R. M. SHELDON, 147a, Deans Lane, Edgware.

O.H.C.C. is now a well-established club with regular fixtures throughout the season, including a couple of Saturday games at Chase Lodge by kind permission of the School authorities. The season started well, the Club registering a good win against a strong Pinner XI and losing an exciting game with Tötteridge by 5 runs.

The Club would be pleased to hear from any Old Boy interested in Cricket as a playing member of the Club or as an active supporter.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

(Affiliated A.A.A. and Middlesex County A.A.A.)

Hon. Secretary: B. A. GOODMAN, 42, St. Gabriels Road, N.W.2.

Tel.: GLAdstone 5360.

The season opened with an enjoyable match against the School in perfect weather. The closing events showed that the Old Boys

were faced with formidable opposition and prior to the relay the score was exactly level. The School won this event and therefore the match by the narrow margin of three points (61—58). The Club would like to thank the Head Master and the other members of the School staff for attending and helping to make the fixture such a success.

Hampstead Harriers with a win of 50 points to 29 proved too strong largely due to the toll of examination preparation which prevented many club members from competing. A further reason was the lack of training prior to this match—an indication of how essential is regular training throughout the season.

An important fixture arranged for June 25 was the Inter-Old Boys' match at Rutlish School, Merton. Ten Schools entered and the Club hoped to put up a good performance. Other fixtures arranged were: June 17, *v.* Old Gaytonians at Harrow, July 12, *v.* Eton Manor at Leyton, and July 28, *v.* Shaftesbury at Parliament Hill.

New members will be welcome and full information can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary. Finally the Club extends its condolences to their Hon. Captain, D. Cooper-Jones, who, following his return from the Gold Coast, has been unable to take part in any matches due to illness. He is progressing well and the Club hopes to have his active support again later on in the season.

O.H. LAWN TENNIS CLUB

OFFICERS 1952-53

President: DR. T. W. TAYLOR.

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Hon. Match Secretary: D. F. FOOT, 184, Fordwych Road, N.W.2.

Tel.: GLA 4472.

Committee: D. A. JAMES, L. J. MILLER.

The Club has quietly continued its period of consolidation during the Winter and early Summer. More people are putting in regular appearances on Club afternoons at Chase Lodge although perhaps still not a satisfactory proportion of those who have declared themselves interested.

At the A.G.M. at the beginning of the season the Headmaster once again consented to honour us by becoming President and has been a source of constant assistance to us throughout the early part of the Season. The officers and Committee were re-elected as above.

Once again a team was entered for the D'Abernon Cup but the first round fixture had to be postponed owing to time trouble. An enjoyable match was played against the Greville L.T.C. captained by R.A. Bengé (an O.H.) and although this was lost after a good fight the team enjoyed the best of spirits both during and after the match.

Other fixtures to be held later in the season include those against the School (July 12), Brondesbury, Heathfield, Oxford O.H. Cambridge O.H. and a Territorial Army Unit.

Other events planned during the Summer include a Progressive Tournament over August Bank Holiday and Singles and Doubles Tournaments to be run throughout the Season in conjunction with normal play.

In conclusion all O.H. are urged to come to Chase Lodge and enjoy an afternoon's tennis in delightful surroundings and it is guaranteed that they will want to come again.

O.H. NEWS

News of Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by the O.H. Correspondent to THE SKYLARK, A. G. Jenkins, 36 Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6., or can be sent direct to the Editor at the School.

PERSONAL

V. C. MATTHEWS (1946-51), London Athletic Club and O.H. Athletic Club, who left School only last year, is the new Surrey Junior Champion in the 120 yards high hurdles. He was also runner-up in the 200 yards low hurdles. His time over the high hurdles was not bettered in any of the other County finals. He, therefore, stands a very good chance of gaining both the Southern A.A.A. and National A.A.A. titles in this event.

L. W. DANCER (1944-48) and P. E. DANCER (1944-51), have joined the Rhodesian Police, and are now in training at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

BIRTHS

DUNSFORD—In June, 1952, to Brenda, wife of S. A. Dunsford, a twin son (Charles Reginald) and daughter (Susan Evelyn).

MANTON—On 11th April, 1952 to Pamela Katherine, wife of M. F. Manton, a daughter (Jane Suzanna).

MUSSETT—On 9th March, 1952 to Joan (née Reynaud), wife of J. A. T. Mussett, a son (Andrew John Stewart).

SWAFFIELD—On 11th November, 1951 to Betty, wife of J. C. Swaffield, a son (David Richard).

DEATHS

MACMILLAN—We regret to announce the death of Kenneth Macmillan, aged 57. He was well-known in Fleet Street, as a sporting journalist with *Sporting Life*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Daily Herald* (which he represented at the Ministry of Information during the war). In 1946 he became editor of the *Kent and Sussex Courier* (Tunbridge Wells).

SANSOM, M.—The death occurred on 19th June, 1952, after a short illness, of Maurice Sansom (1938-43)—an active member of the O.H. Rugby Club by whom he will be mourned. Maurice Sansom had a vivacious personality which made him popular with the junior O.H. XV's for which he was always ready to give a lively and "gutty" display at scrum half or wherever else the side found him useful. Although he had previously been ill his unexpected passing at so early an age as 27 will come as a shock to all his friends.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

All changes of address should be notified immediately to the Hon. Registrar, P. C. Brooker, 39/43, Hall Place, W.2.

CORRESPONDENCE

No. 33 (Middx.) INDEPENDENT CADET BTY.

ROYAL ARTILLERY

The T.A. Centre,

Honeypot Lane,

Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Dear Sirs,

May I seek your assistance by bringing to your notice an appeal for staff for this Unit of the Army Cadet Force.

APPEAL FOR STAFF AND HELPERS

No. 33 (Middlesex) Independent Cadet Battery, Royal Artillery, stationed at Kingsbury Territorial Army Centre, Kingsbury is one of the oldest Army Cadet Units in the district and has become, under a recent county re-organisation, an Independent Unit. This change has resulted in the possibility of expansion and it is hoped to increase the strength of the Unit considerably in the near future.

Through the past years many boys have passed through the ranks of the Unit and have gone to their National Service and we are very proud to say that with few exceptions all have made remarkable progress on leaving the Unit.

Apart from the Military side of our training there is also a first class Social Club for the boys which comprises all the normal activities of a Youth Club. In fact the Club is affiliated to both the Harrow and Wembley Youth Committees and takes part in many of their activities.

In order to ensure both the continuance and the expansion of the work being done the writer, Capt. F. P. Smith, is anxious to add to his staff—Officers, a Battery Sergeant Major, and Troop Staff Sgt. Instructors—and hopes that should there be anyone interested in this kind of work they will be willing to assist.

In addition there is a need in the Social Side of our training for a Club Leader who need not necessarily be an ex-serviceman, but one who is interested in youths from 14—18 years of age and who would be willing to control and organize their various activities. We would welcome also anybody who is willing to act as coach in the various outdoor sports so that our members who are extremely keen may become better players through experienced help and advice.

Our work is voluntary and carries with it a very high reward in a good job well done, and the boys are in the main a credit to their leaders and through the association with a pre-service unit and social club, such as we aim to maintain, prove their worth in the community.

Yours faithfully,

F. P. SMITH, *Capt. (O.H.)*

Officer Commanding No. 33 (Mx) Indep. (C) Bty. R.A.

Editor's Note—Anyone wishing to answer this appeal should communicate direct with Capt. Smith and not address their correspondence through the editor. Capt. Smith is himself an Old Haberdasher and has commanded this Unit of the T.A. for seven years. Several Old Haberdashers have assisted him as officers in the past but only one is at present serving. He would, therefore, welcome any further assistance Old Boys can give him in his good work.

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